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—OF THE—

THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

(FORMERLY THE BROWN CREEK,)

—HELD WITH THE—

Church at Shiloh, Union County, N. C.,

OCTOBER 16th, 17th and 18th, 1884.

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PROCEEDINGS.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH, UNION CO., N. C., Oct. 16, 1884.

The Thirtieth Session of the Union (Brown Creek) Association met with the church at this place.

Rev. J. L. Bennett, according to appointment, preached the Introductory Sermon, from 1st John III: 22, "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."

After an intermission of half an hour, association reassembled. "Must Jesus bear His cross alone" was sung. The body was then called to order by Elder E. L. Davis, Moderator of last session.

Prayer by Rev. J. A. Bivens. Rev. D. M. Austin and Bro. H. C. Mooie were appointed reading clerks.

Letters from the churches were read and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

MONROE—C. Austin, E. M. Griffin, A. B. Caudle.
FAULKS—J. L. Bennett, D. A. Snider, Samuel Parker.
MEADOW BRANCH—J. C. Williams, J. W. Hamilton, H. C. Moore.
SHILOH—W. J. Sutton, Noah Helms, G. W. Baucom.
MT. MORIAH—M. D. Melton, M. L. Horn, Patrick Mills.
PHILADELPHIA—J. P. Horn, M. C. King, V. T. Chears.
WAXHAW—T. N. Simms, H. W. Broom, W. C. Schooley.
OLIVE BRANCH—H. T. Baucom, T. B. Phillips, J. S. Baucom.
ELIZABETH—Joel Baker, T. T. Burch, W. M. Burch.
BETHEL—J. A. Bivens, W. B. Marsh, M. W. Moore.
ROCKY MT.—J. P. Hill, W. H. Parker, A. Boswell.
DEEP SPRING—R. T. Caudle, A. Phifer, J. H. Griffin.
PLEASANT PLAIN—H. B. King, Asa Helms, Wm. Kesiah.
JERUSALEM—Not represented.
NEW HOPE—J. B. Brantley.
HOPEWELL—J. C. Sikes, J. E. Griffin, Jesse Hough.
HAMER CREEK—S. A. Ballard, A. W. Morgan, J. J. McLendon.
MACEDONIA—N. A. Funderburk, W. E. Funderburk, Gilbert Preslar.
MT. PLEASANT—L. C. Parker, F. M. Broom, T. M. Little.
CROSS ROADS—Not represented.
MATTHEWS—W. M. Johnson, E. J. Funderburk, T. G. Ervin.
LIBERTY HILL—Eli Walden, Wm. G. West, H. L. Hancock.
BENTON'S X ROADS—S. A. Helms, B. F. Benton, W. A. Price.
BLACK CREEK—J. F. Allen, R. P. Pigg, Amos Pigg.
GROVE SPRING—J. F. Hamilton, W. A. Little, A. Marsh.

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Election of officers being next in order, Rev. J. L. Bennett and Bro. C. Austin were appointed tellers for Moderator and Bros. W. B. Marsh and H. T. Baucom for Clerk. Rev. D. M. Austin was chosen Moderator, and J. W. Bivens re-elected Clerk.

On motion of Rev. J. A. Bivens, the constitution and rules of decorum were read.

On motion of Bro. C. Austin, churches seeking admission into this association were to be referred to a committee whose duty it should be to inquire into their orthodoxy. The Moderator appointed on the committee Rev. J. L. Bennett, Rev. J. A. Bivens and Bro. E. M. Griffin.

Churches desiring admission into this association were invited to present their letters. Mill Creek and Ebenezer churches presented letters of dismission from Rocky River Association, which were read and referred to the committee.

Corresponding messengers were invited to seats. None present.

On motion, the Moderator was indulged until to-morrow on the appointment of committees.

On motion of Bro. C. Austin, the association decided to meet at 9:30, A. M.; adjourn at 12, M., for one hour, and in the afternoon at pleasure.

Report of corresponding messengers was called for. Rev. A. C. Davis attended the Rocky River Association; found it prospering, and was cordially received.

Report on Education was called, read by the writer, and adopted.

On motion, association adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Bennett; benediction by Rev. W. M. Johnson.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, October 17th, 1884.

Association met according to adjournment. The Moderator read 20th chapter of Acts, beginning at 17th verse. Rev. W. M. Johnson led in prayer. Minutes of Thursday read and approved.

Letters from Rocky Mt., Hamer Creek, Deep Spring and Elizabeth, having arrived were read and names of delegates enrolled.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On Finance—Brethren E. J. Funderburk, H. T. Baucom, H. C. Moore.

On Requests and Queries—Brethren C. Austin, M. W. Moore, A. Marsh.

On Religious Exercises—Delegates of Shiloh church.

Corresponding messengers were invited. Rev. E. C. Williams and Bro. E. H. Hinson being present from the Rocky River Association, were welcomed to seats with the body.

Committee on church reception reported as follows, which was received:

We, your committee for the examination of those churches ask-

ing admittance into our body report: As we find them orthodox, we recommend that they be admitted. Respectfully submitted,

J. L. BENNETT, Chairman.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Bennett, Mill Creek church was received into this association; also Ebenezer church; and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

The Report on Foreign Missions, prepared by Rev. J. J. Beasley, was read, and on motion adopted, after discussion by Elders J. E. King, D. M. Austin, A. C. Davis, E. L. Davis and W. M. Johnson. The following is the report:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Brother Moderator, at the session of your last association, the body saw fit to assign to me the duty of preparing a paper on the subject of Foreign Missions. In adducing reasons therefore why we should send the gospel to the heathen, I submit the fact that the great Captain of our salvation in issuing the commission has given marching orders to all christians of all ages and countries. The command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," is as imperatively binding upon you and me to-day as it was the day the disciples of Christ received it; and in no other way under heaven can we relieve ourselves of the obligation this command imposes than by sending the gospel to nations that know not God, and His Christ. Thus it is written that Christ should suffer and should rise on the third day, that repentance and remission of sins should be preached among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. It was as solemnly designed in the purpose of God that christians should preach the gospel among all nations, as that Christ should suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. The spirit of missions is indeed the spirit of Christ. As illustrating the missionary spirit of christianity, and showing how the Apostles understood the communication, we have but to adduce the fact that so far as we are able to trace their history every one of them, save James, was a foreign missionary. Paul was the foremost of all missionaries, ancient or modern. He preached at Damascus, Antioch, then in the Isle of Cyprus, then at different points in Asia Minor, thence he passed into Greece. He afterwards labored several years in Italy, and finally suffered martyrdom at Rome, as a true soldier for Christ. And in like manner all the other disciples sealed their faith with their blood in foreign fields. Then, if these great and good men thus understood Christ and His will, shall we not reasonably conclude that like obligations for the spread of the gospel rest on us? The millions of heathens now in darkness await the coming of gospel light, and God's people are commanded to give it them. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. BEASLEY.

The writer on each report was limited to fifteen minutes in discussion, and volunteers to ten.

On motion of Bro. C. Austin, the adoption of the Report on Ed-

ucation was rescinded. On motion, the report was taken up and re read. Elders W. M. Johnson, A. C. Davis, E. L. Davis, J. E. King and Bro. C. Austin discussed the subject, after which the report was adopted.

EDUCATION.

Much has been said and written on this subject, yet we cannot be too often reminded of its importance. Education means development, mentally, morally and physically. Mental development gives the mind activity and strength; moral development moulds and shapes its actions, and physical development is the instrument through which it acts on external objects. The effect of such development is to enlighten and elevate, to "brighten every christian grace."

As a denomination we need more educated men. The preacher is the teacher of the people. If he is not qualified his members must necessarily remain untrained, and the work of the Lord not prosper in his care. For the training of young ministers we have an institution of which we ought to be proud. We should be proud of Wake Forest, not because she holds an endowment fund of over $100,000, but for the great work which she has done, and is doing for the Baptist denomination. Thirty-five young ministers were in attendance last session. Most of these were aided by the Board of Education, the work of which in giving us an educated ministry, commends itself to every true Baptist in the State. This Board has all it can do. There are many other young men throughout the State and in our own midst, who need and deserve aid. Therefore, while the Lord is graciously sending forth laborers into His harvest, let us be ready and willing to do our part in helping them to prepare themselves for the great work whereunto they are called.

We would not say that there is not a work for those who have never had the benefit of a collegiate education. They have had broad and ripe fields where their labors have been abundantly blessed. These fields, however, are being narrowed by the spread of general intelligence and the progress of literary culture. But ministers are not the only educated class needed. We need an educated laity; men full of the Holy Ghost and of wisdom to hold up the hands of their pastors and to carry on the work of the S. S. Wake Forest is just as efficient in preparing brethren for this work as for the ministry. And last but not least, we need more educated women—women of knowledge, virtue and piety, who in their sphere of life could silently wield an influence upon Church and State, the value of which eternity alone could tell. For their education we have excellent colleges at Thomasville, Murfreesboro, Oxford and Shelby. Then, as facilities are great, let every youth of our land be encouraged to seek the advantages of knowledge, and let every parent, as a duty he owes to his children, as a duty he owes to his denomination, as a duty he owes to God, do all in his power to give his children the benefits of a liberal education.

J. W BIVENS.

On motion, adjourned for refreshments. Prayer by Elder J. E. King; benediction by Elder E. L. Davis.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association reassembled. "Amazing grace" was sung. Rev. J. A. Bivens led in prayer. Letters from Benton's X Roads, Philadelphia and Hopewell were received, read and delegates enrolled.

In the absence of Bro. Massey, Bro. J. P. Horn was appointed treasurer pro tem.

The Committee on Requests and Queries reported requests for letters of dimission from Hamer's Creek and Elizabeth churches. On motion, the requests were granted, and the Clerk instructed to issue letters of dismission to those churches.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. J. L. Bennett, and on motion of Bro. C. Austin, adopted:

Resolved, That we, the ministers and delegates of this body, lay the matter of the importance of education before our churches, and take up a collection for the encouragement and assistance of Bro. J. S. Bivens, and forward to J. W. Bivens to send to him.

Report on Periodicals was read by the writer, who led in a discussion of the subject, followed by Bro. C. Austin.

Report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The free circulation of periodicals in this age, many of which are corrupting in their nature and demoralizing in their effects upon the minds of the people, necessitates the publishing and circulating of a literature that will counteract the bad influences of these corrupt organs upon the minds of the people. As it behooves every man to place within the reach of those under his watch-care that which is elevating to the mind and heart, we would recommend to them the *Biblical Recorder* as worthy of their support, and as sound in its teachings. Let us, as Baptists, see that every family in our churches takes this paper, and it will be a help to the better development of our churches, and the support of the gospel among us. As the mind, like the body, in many respects partakes of that upon which it feeds, we should therefore give our children sound and wholesome literature to read.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. DAVIS.

The following report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. C. Austin:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The time has come when opposition to the Sunday school work is almost extinct. We are not divided as to the authority of this work; but the question which most demands our attention, is how can we best advance this work, and who are to engage in it? The Old Scriptures furnish abundant proof that God would have his people

know his revelation, in order to avert unbearable calamities. How shall we or our children know the Scriptures unless they are studied? The Sunday school work is under the control of christian people; and their design in this work is that their knowledge of God may be increased, their hearts made better; and further, that their children may learn of God through the medium of His Word. In the days of law-giving and prophecies God commanded His Word to be read to His people in assembly. When Christ came He said, "Search the Scriptures," showing that there was no change from the Old to the New Scriptures. He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as His custom was, and read and expounded the Scriptures to the people. Paul commends the Bereans for their searching the Scriptures for the truth. Now, I believe from the teaching of these Scriptures, that it is not only the duty of christians to study the Scriptures, but to teach them to their children and any others who may come under their influence. I believe further that parents who neglect to do their duty in teaching their children the fear and admonition of the Lord, will suffer loss. Parents are intrusted with the training of immortal souls; and, usually, as the training so shall the life be. I can't see how parents, and especially christian parents, can content themselves doing nothing in this direction. It is an undeniable fact that many of the most eminent men who now are filling praiseworthy stations, are indebted to the Sunday school for much of their Biblical knowledge. This work may imbrace all, and benefit every class engaged in it. Let us serve God in the Sunday school. C. AUSTIN.

After discussion the report was adopted.

Bro. J. S. Canady read the following on Ministerial Support:

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: Having been appointed by your body at its last session to write upon Ministerial Support, I would ask in the outset, is it needful that I write unto you? I should answer, no; for what more can be said than God's Word hath said upon the subject. Hear Paul to the Corinthians: 1st Cor. IX. 7, "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard and eateteh not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock and eateth not of the milk of the flock?" 9th v., "For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?" 10th v., "Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes no doubt this is written: that he that plougheth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partakers of his hope." 11th v., "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we should reap your carnal things?" 15th v., "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Gal. VI. 6, "Let him that is taught in the Word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things." And many other passages I would like to quote if time and space would permit, as the Bible abounds in such precious

truths. Then, my dear brethren, if this duty is so plainly taught us in God's Word, let us be up and doing. Let us hold up the hands of God's ministers while they are preaching the blessed gospel, the only means of salvation to a dying world. And God would have us give cheerfully, and not grudgingly; not sparingly, but bountifully. See 2nd Cor. IX. 6–7. Paul in Phil. IV. 10–16, praised them for their care for him, that they did communicate with his affections; that "even in Thessalonica they sent once and again to his necessity." And in verse 17th he says: "Not because I desire a gift; but I desire fruit that may abound to your account." By this we see that while it is our duty to support the ministry, that we are even blessed in the act. So, in conclusion, I will say, let us come up to the help of the Lord, to help of the Lord against the mighty. Let us unloose the shackles of worldly responsibilities from the hands of God's ministers by giving them of the means that God has blessed us with, that they may go free and unfettered in the discharge of the great work of love that the Master has enjoined upon them.

Yours, in Christ Jesus, J. S. CANADY.

Report was discussed by Bro. Canady and Rev. A. C. Davis, after which it was adopted.

The Committee on Requests and Queries reported. Report was received and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Requests and Queries beg leave to report the following: Requests from Waxhaw, Bethel and Rocky Mt. churches for your body to hold its next session with them; and a request from Black Creek church for aid to finish their house of worship, as they are few and weak as to earthly goods, and having exhaused their means ask our brethren. C. AUSTIN, Chairman Com.

On motion, Association adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Bennett; benediction by Rev. A. C. Davis.

SATURDAY, October 18th, 1884.

Association met at usual hour. J. W. Bivens read the 103rd Psalm. "All hail the power of Jesus' name" was sung. Bro. A. Marsh led in prayer. The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Bennett, the names of the churches at Jerusalem and Cross Roads were dropped from the list, they having disbanded.

The report on State Missions was called for, and read by Rev. J. L. Bennett, the writer being absent. The following is the report:

STATE MISSIONS.

I will offer a few thoughts on this important subject. Our blessed Savior was a missionary to this world to complete the great work of salvation for us; and it is our duty to publish this great salvation to

the world, distributing the bread of life to the benighted and perishing, and especially in our own State and to those under our own observation. Therefore let us come up with our means and prayers to the help of the Lord against the mighty. We are forced to believe that there are many honest hearts that would receive the good seed if we only would give to them. But good seed not sown, and good ground not cultivated are not very profitable. Then let us scatter the good seed abroad in the destitute parts of our Association and State by our example and means, that sinners may be saved—that we bear much fruit. So shall our Heavenly Father be glorified, and our own hearts made glad. D. A. SNIDER.

On motion, the report was adopted, after discussion by Elders A. C. Davis, J. E. King and J. L. Bennett.

The roll of churches was called and the following amounts pledged for the support of State Missions, to be paid by next session of the Association: Monroe, $25 00; Faulk's, $5.00; Meadow Branch, $10.00; Shiloh, $5.00; Philadelphia, $5.00; Waxhaw, $20.00; Olive Branch, $5.00; Bethel, $10 00; Rocky Mt., $5.00; Deep Spring, $3.00; Pleasant Plain, $5.00; New Hope, $2.00; Hopewell, $5.00; Macedonia, $3.00; Mt. Pleasant, $2.00; Matthews, $5.00; Liberty Hill, $2.00; Benton's X Roads, $5.00; Black Creek, $5.00; Grove Spring, $5.00; Ebenezer, $3.00; Mill Creek, $5.00 Total, $140.00.

A report on Home Missions was read and discussed by Elder J. E. King, and, on motion, adopted as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

In presenting a report on Home Missions, we respectfully submit:

1st. That the Home Board is a necessity. The territory to be occupied and the work to be performed are much greater than in 1845, when it was (in the wisdom of our best brethren) necessary to create the Board, to provide the preaching of a pure gospel wherever destitution existed. The extension of railroads opening and developing our country, the settlement and enlargement of new towns and villages demand continual efforts to sustain missions at all important points for influence.

2nd. Error in all its varied forms is equally multiplied. Romanism, covert atheism, open infidelity, specious phases of fanciful theories of religion, all active with able and aggressive leaders, requires on the part of Baptists undying energy and zeal to plant the standard of the pure gospel of Jesus on a vantage ground from which it cannot be driven.

3rd. We would call your attention especially to that part of the work of our Home Board—Indian Missions. Many of our ancestors came to this continent seeking rest from religious and political oppression; and especially our Baptist fathers, as Roger Williams and others, driven out from their homes for conscience's sake, by those who should have succored them, found the desired asylum among the

tribes of those people. We were the outcasts. They opened their wigwams and divided their scanty stores, and gave us refuge from oppressive wrongs. Now the scene has changed. Now the Indians are homeless, helpless and dependent, while we are powerful. Shall we now deny them that mercy they have shown us? Hard, indeed, must be that heart that fails to be touched by the sorrows of the Indian race, and deny them to share with us those blessings of Heaven which, in the Providence of God, they have been instrumental in our obtaining.

In conclusion, we ask, what is our duty toward them? Evidently we should assure the Board of our fervent prayers, generous contributions and active co-operation in every feasible method in giving a pure gospel to all our land; especially strengthening the hands of our missionaries and native preachers among the Indians.

J. E. KING.

On motion, the churches were called upon and the following amounts pledged, to be paid by the 1st of April, 1885: Monroe, $3.00; Faulk's, $1.00; Meadow Branch, $3.00; Shiloh, $1.00; Philadelphia, $1.00; Waxhaw, $10.00; Bethel, $4.00; Pleasant Plain, $1.00, paid; Hopewell, $2.00; Matthews, $2.00; Grove Spring, $1.00; Ebenezer, $1.00; E. L. Davis, $2.00; D. M. Austin, $2.00; V. T. Chears, $1.00; J. J. Beasley, $1.00; J. P. Horn, $1.00; J. S. Canady, $1.00.

The following on Temperance was submitted by Rev. J. L. Bennett:

TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a subject of great importance. We are required to be temperate in all things. We are not allowed to indulge or use anything that is forbidden or injurious to us in any way. Temperance tends to health, happiness, long life and usefulness. While intemperance, especially in that of strong drink, which is raging with fury, tends to the destruction of body, character, usefulness, and the soul at last; dragging down innocent women and children to poverty, shame, disgrace and rags, and many to an untimely grave. Then, from the consideration of the downward and destructive tendency of intemperance, let us, as the children of God, be watchful and prayerful that temperance may serve as a balance wheel or regulator by which our lives should be governed, that our light of influence may go out to the reflection of honor on the great cause of Jesus, in the salvation of the world. J. L. BENNETT.

This report was ably discussed, and the evils of intemperance and dram drinking, with their blighting effects, set forth by Rev. J. L. Bennett, Brethren C. Austin and J. S. Canady, and Revs. J. E. King, J. A. Bivens, E. L. Davis and D. M. Austin. Report was then adopted.

On motion, adjourned for one hour. Prayer by Moderator; benediction by Rev. J. E. King.

EVENING SESSION.

Association reassembled. Rev. W. F. Little led in prayer.

The Moderator appointed as a Committee on Obituaries, Revs. J. A. Bivens and W. M. Johnson and Bro. O. M. Saunders.

Miscellaneous business taken up.

The following writers were appointed by the Moderator for the next session:

On Foreign Missions—A. B. Caudle.
" *State Missions*—O. M. Saunders.
" *Ministerial Support*—J. P. Horn.
" *Periodicals*—T. G. Ervin.
" *Sunday Schools*—J. S. Canady.
" *Temperance*—J. A. Bivens.
" *Education*—A. C. Davis.
" *Home Missions*—J. W. Bivens.

Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations were appointed as follows, viz:

Moriah—Michael Melton, Ranford Smith, Jas. W. Little.

Rocky River—J. L. Bennett, J. C Sykes, A. C. Davis, J. P. Hill.

South Yadkin—J. A. Bivens, E. J. Funderburk, Milton Braswell.

Pee Dee—Thomas Caudle, W F. Little, Augustus Marsh.

York—Andy Shannon, O. M. Saunders, T. G. Ervin.

Anson—E. L. Davis, J. W. Bivens, J. S. Canady.

On motion of Bro. C. Austin, the order of business was suspended, and the appointment of next place of meeting taken up.

On motion, the Association decided to hold its next session with the church at Bethel, four miles south of Beaver Dam, Union county, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in Oct., 1885.

On motion, the request for aid from Black Creek church was taken up; and, after remarks, a collection taken amounting to $7.45.

Bro. Hinson, from Rocky River Association, by permission, requested aid for Arlington church, and received $3.35.

On motion of Bro. C. Austin, the Treasurer was allowed to pay over the money in hand to the Moderator.

The Committee on Finance reported having received the following amounts:

Received for State Missions	$82.08
" " Foreign Missions	5.50
" " Associational Missions	5 50
" " Education	1.00
" " Minutes	39.05
Total	133.13

H. C. MOORE, Chairman Committee.

Report was received and committee discharged.

On motion, Elders D. M. Austin and J. J. Beasley were nominated life members of the Baptist State Convention.

On motion of Bro. M. W. Moore, the Clerk was allowed $10.00 for his services.

On motion of Bro. M. W. Moore, the printing of the Minutes was given to Mr. W. J. Boylin, of Monroe, N. C.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have the constitution and rules of decorum appended to the minutes.

Rev. J. A. Bivens offered the following resolution, which was received and adopted on its first reading:

WHEREAS, We deem it of highest importance that unity in Baptist usage and doctrine should be preserved in our body for the good of our people and the glory of God; therefore, *Resolved*, That our Association appoint a committee of five brethren whose duty it shall be to consult and advise with any church wishing their co-operation. The following brethren were accordingly appointed on said committee: J. A. Bivens, Jas. Robertson, C. Austin, J. L. Bennett, and H. Bivens. On motion of Rev J. A. Bivens, the Moderator was added to the committee.

Committee on Obituaries reported:

Your Committee on Obituaries respectfully ask to state that we find that our Heavenly Master has seen fit to remove by death, during this Associational year, twenty of our dear brethren and sisters from the various churches composing this body. We, therefore, respectfully recommend to the christian sympathy of this association the bereaved families thus afflicted in the allwise Providence of God.

Among those that have fallen asleep are Bro. Gathens, of Philadelphia church, who was afflicted for many years; Bro. Horn, of Mt. Pleasant, at a ripe old age; Sister Sarah Hamilton, from Meadow Branch, a woman of pious walk and Godly conversation, at the advanced age of ninety years; and Sister Bibbs, from Monroe, after many years of virtue and piety.

W. M. JOHNSON, Chairman.

The report was received.

On motion, Art. 3rd of constitution was changed so as to read "between the Anson and Moriah" instead of "Pee Dee and Moriah."

Bro C. Austin moved that the Moderator be given more time on the appointment of an Executive Committee.

On motion of Rev. J. A. Bivens, the name of the Association was changed from "Brown Creek" to "UNION."

On motion of Bro. H. C. Moore, pastors were requested to preach a sermon on foreign missions at their respective churches, and raise what they can for that object.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the Baptist

State Convention: J. J. Beasley, W. F. Little, C. Austin, W. M, Johnson, J. P. Horn, W. B. Marsh, J. W. Bivens. O. M. Saunders, J. O. Griffin, B. H. Benton, Sherwood Ross, J. C. Sikes, Milton Braswell.

Appointment of preachers for next session of association: Introductory Sermon, Rev. J. J. Beasley; alternate, Rev. D A. Snider. Missionary Sermon, Rev. D. M. Austin; alternate, Rev. A. C. Davis.

Offered by Bro. C. Austin, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their bounteous hospitality in entertaining this body.

The following resolution was also offered by Bro. C. Austin and adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their faithful and efficient services during this session of our body.

Minutes of to-day were read, corrected and approved.

On motion, the Association adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

After singing "We'll wait till Jesus comes," and taking the parting hand, Elder E. L. Davis led in prayer, and Rev. J. J. Beasley pronounced the benediction.

Thus closed, in harmony and love, a prosperous session of our association. During the session, sermons we preached at the stand by Rev. J. E. King, on Friday at 11 o clock, A. M., and on Saturday by Rev. W. M. Johnson, at 11 o'clock, A M., and W. F. Little at 3, P. M.

D. M. AUSTIN, MODERATOR.

J. W. BIVENS, *Clerk*.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

At 11 o'clock a Sunday School mass-meeting was held. The meeting was opened by Brother J. S. Canady in an interesting address on the subject of Sunday Schools; after which short statements were made by brethren from different churches in regard to their schools. The reports were encouraging; most of the churches have Sunday Schools.

At 11 o'clock Rev. E. L. Davis preached the Missionary Sermon to a large and attentive audience, from the text: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." —Mark xvi. 15–16. At the close a collection was taken for foreign missions amounting to $18.05.

In the afternoon Rev. D. M. Austin preached from Gal. vi. 14: "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CONSTITUTION.

We, the Baptist churches of Christ, composing the Union Association, having been received and Baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of an association of Churches in order to perpetual union among us, and thereby maintain a correspondence with each other and other associations of the same faith and order, agree and subscribe to the following rules, viz.:

Article 1. The association shall be composed of delegates chosen annually by each church belonging to the association; who, before taking their seats, shall present certificates of their appointment or other satisfactory evidence, and each church shall be entitled to three representatives.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be stated their number in full fellowship, received by letter, baptized, excommunicated and dead, during the last associational year.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened, shall be denominated the Union Association, being composed of churches located between the Anson and Moriah Baptist associations.

Art. 4. The association when convened shall be governed by a proper decorum.

Art. 6. The association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen annually by members present.

Art. 6. Any church may be admitted into this association by petition; and delegates, if upon examination found to be of the same faith and order, shall be welcomed to seats by the Moderator extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. All queries presented to this association shall be read once, after which a vote shall be taken upon the propriety of debating the same, and if a majority be of opinion that the said queries are not debatable, the same shall be withdrawn.

Art. 8. Every motion when made and seconded shall be considered, unless withdrawn by the mover.

Art. 9. We deem it necessary that we should have an associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, and that it is the duty of each church, to make voluntary contributions for this purpose, which shall be forwarded by the delegates, and the amount thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the association for the amount thus deposited, to be distributed as the association may direct.

Art. 10. The Minutes of the association shall be read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the adjournment of the association, except otherwise ordered by the body.

Art. 11. The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes as soon as practicable.

Art. 12. The association shall have power to provide for the general union of the churches, preserve a bond of communion, give them all necessary advice, in case of difficulty, and enquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the association.

Art. 13. The association may appoint members to transact such business as they think proper, and may act as its own Itinerant Board, until such time as the association shall otherwise direct.

Art. The association shall have power to exclude any church which

shall violate the rules of this association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion.

Art. 15. The association may invite ministering and other brethren who may be present, to seats with them, and to aid in their deliberations.

Art. 16. The association shall have power to appoint the time and place where the succeeding association shall be held.

Art. 17. This constitution may be altered at any meeting, a majority of two-thirds voting in the affirmative.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1st. The business of the association shall be opened and closed with prayer by the Moderator, or some person on whom he may call to perform that service.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk of the preceding year shall occupy their place until a new organization is effected.

Art. 3. In all elections for officers the balloting to be continued until one candidate obtains the majority of the whole.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the association; preserve order and propound fairly every question which may be presented for consideration, and ascertain and announce the decision. He shall always rise from his seat to take the vote of the association. He shall not vote except the association be equally divided, and in that case he shall give the casting vote. He shall decide all questions of order, and his decision shall be silently submitted to, unless a regular appeal be taken, and his decision be reversed by a majority of the association.

Art. 5. The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the association and pay them over by order of the same.

Art. 6. No member shall address another by any other appellation than that of brother.

Art. 7. The names of the delegates shall be enrol'ed by the Clerk, and called over as often as the association may require.

Art. 8. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the association through the Moderator.

Art. 9. No subject which has been decided shall be considered again during the same session, unless a member who voted in the majority shall move a reconsideration.

Art. 10. Every report offered, and resolution proposed to the association, and every amendment offered, shall be submitted in writing if required by the Moderator.

Art. 11. The association shall make all necessary arrangements for devotional services during the session.

Art. 12. The delegates present from a majority of the churches shall constitute a quorum for business.

Art. 13. All questions shall be decided by a vote of the majority of the members present.

Art. 14. No member shall absent himself from the association without permission from the Moderator.

Art. 15. At the opening of every annual meeting of this association these rules shall be read.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS AND THEIR P. O.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Home Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Total Contributions.
Monroe	A. B. Caudle, Monroe,	$700 00	$65 00	$25 00	$8 00	$5 00	$.....	$101 00	$2 75	$906 75
Faulks	S. W. Bennett, Monroe	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	7 00
Meadow Branch	H. C. Moore, Monroe	84 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	6 85	5 93	3 70	110 48
Shiloh	G. W Baucom, Monroe	80 00	57 45	5 00	.....	.....	.....	11 51	1 65	155 61
Mount Moriah	T. E. Lowery, Brown Creek	50 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	56 50
Philadelphia	V. T. Chears, Brown Creek	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	7 00
Waxhaw	S. T. Adams, Adams' Mill	200 00	183 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 80	405 80
Olive Branch	H. T. Baucom, Olive Branch	75 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	30 54	2 00	112 54
Bethel	J. J. Cox, Lanes Creek	50 00	17 95	10 00	.....	17 00	4 20	.....	1 50	97 95
Rocky Mount	J. M. Broadaway, Goodmans	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 35	6 35
Deep Spring	A. Phifer, Beaver Dam	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 20	2 70
Pleasant Plain	Asa Helms, Indian Trail	.....	.....	5 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	8 00
New Hope	W. B. Smith, Olive Branch	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hopewell	W. L. Biggers, Long's Store	100 00	.....	5 00	7 00	.....	.....	19 10	2 50	133 60
Hamer Creek	S. B. Ballard, Erie Mills	75 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	50	82 50
Macedonia	Gilbert Preslar, Monroe	70 00	19 35	5 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	1 15	97 50
Mt. Pleasant	J. M. Funderburk, Wolf Pond	.....	.....	4 30	.....	.....	.....	90	60	5 80
Matthews	L. C. Morton, Matthews	200 00	140 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	58 00	2 00	410 00
Liberty Hill	H. W. Funderburk, Old Store	.....	15 00	1 00	50	.....	50	3 00	1 00	21 00
Benton's X Roads	E. L. Benton, Raywood	50 00	75 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 90	131 90
Black Creek	J. A. Saunders, Garland	50 00	300 00	7 00	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	1 05	362 05
Grove Spring	A. Marsh, Beaver Dam	45 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1 20	1 50	52 70
Mill Creek	C. H. Braswell, Monroe	.... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 30	.....
Ebenezer	J. H. Pyron, Raywood	.....	...2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10	.....
		$1829 00	$876 75	$141 80	$22 50	$28 00	$13 55	$231 16	$39 05	$3173 63

STATISTICIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Sabbath of Preaching.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Male Members.	Female Members.	Total Membership.	S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS	No of Scholars.	Teachers and Officers.	Average Attendance.	Kind Words Taken.	No. Baptist Teachers taken.	Other Papers.	No. Volumes in Library.	No. Mons. open.	Contributions.
Monroe	Each	12	16	..	4	2	2	52	104	156	D. M. Austin	120	16	90	12	36	80	50	12	$52 75
Faulks	1	18	2	1	..	3	..	41	82	123	S. Ross	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Meadow Branch	2	3	..	..	12	..	3	70	130	200	N. W. Bivens	100	12	90	70	....	30	....	11	15 00
Shiloh	2	14	1	5	6	1	..	29	53	82	W. A. Penniger	74	9	44	....	....	....	16	5	2 05
Mount Moriah	1	5	..	1	..	..	..	20	28	48	.....	....	....	30	....	....	....	....	6	.....
Philadelphia	2	16	6	2	5	2	2	70	119	189	J. L. Autry	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Waxhaw	4	27	2	3	5	3	2	44	68	112	J. C. Saunders	61	9	46	....	....	....	....	6	18 09
Olive Branch	4	2	2	..	3	5	..	79	108	187	N. G. Thomas	50	3	35	30	....	....	....	10	5 00
Elizabeth	2	2	3	..	6	2	3	15	51	66	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Bethel	4	3	..	..	1	..	..	15	29	44	M. W. Moore	32	4	30	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Rocky Mount	4	1	1	..	2	..	..	11	33	44	J. P. Hill	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	.....
Deep Spring	2	..	..	..	1	5	..	22	38	60	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Pleasant Plain	1	7	..	9	17	1	..	19	39	58	L. C. Morton	60	6	40	....	1	....	....	3	4 25
New Hope	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	16	22	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Hopewell	1	7	3	..	8	1	..	42	55	97	R. Pope	100	6	75	....	2	90	....	4	7 12
Hamer Creek	1	..	2	..	..	1	1	14	23	37	A. W. Morgan	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Macedonia	1	4	6	..	2	2	..	16	34	50	J. W. Outen	35	6	33	15	....	25	....	5	2 00
Mt. Pleasant	3	8	1	..	7	2	1	33	32	65	J. W. Little	54	8	34	....	1	40	....	3	1 25
Matthews	4	16	10	..	3	1	1	36	48	84	H. V. Massey	40	6	35	....	....	....	....	12	.....
Liberty Hill	1	4	2	..	2	..	1	25	47	72	L. A. Blakeney	40	4	25	....	4	....	2	6	.....
Benton's X Roads	4	5	1	..	1	1	..	26	30	56	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Black Creek	2	15	10	..	..	..	..	19	37	56	T. R. Mangum	85	10	65	30	....	....	....	12	12 00
Grove Spring	3	24	8	..	..	..	..	21	26	47	A. Marsh	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Mill Creek	3	16	2	2	1	4	2	39	53	92	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Ebenezer	3	5	..	..	1	2	..	16	15	31	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. E. W. AUSTIN, F. B. ASHCRAFT, J. W. BIVENS.

List of Ordained Ministers.

D. M. Austin,	Monroe,	North Carolina.
J. J. Beasley,	"	" "
J. L. Bennett,	"	" "
J. A. Bivens,	Richardson Creek,	" "
R. T. Caudle,	Lanesboro,	" "
E. L. Davis,	Olive Branch,	" "
W. M. Johnson,	Matthews,	" "
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W. F. Little,	Zoar,	" "
J. J. McLendon,	Liberty Hill,	South Carolina.
B. S. Reader,	Raywood,	North Carolina.
D. A. Snider,	Beaver Dam,	" "
E. C. Williams,	Raywood,	" "

PROCEEDINGS.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, UNION CO., N. C., Oct. 15, 1885.

The Union Association meets with the church at this place, in its Thirty-first Annual Session.

Rev. D. A. Snider preaches the Introductory Sermon, from Matt. XI., 28–29: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me."

After an ajournment of one hour the Association reassembles, and is called to order by the Moderator, Rev. D. M. Austin, who reads the 17th chapter of John, and leads in prayer. The Rules of Decorum are read. The Moderator appoints Brethren J. S. Canady and J. J. Cox reading clerks. A list of the churches is called, their letters read, and the names of delegates subsequently enrolled as follows:

MONROE—J. S. Canady, A. B. Caudle, C. Austin.

FAULKS—S. Ross, D. A. Snider, J. H. Collins.

MEADOW BRANCH—Jno. W. Bivens, Jas. W. Hamilton, D. W. Mullis.

SHILOH—Noah Helms, Phillip Helms* J. M. Simpson.

MT. MORIAH—M. D. Melton, R. A. Threatt, M. L. Horn.

PHILADELPHIA—P. A. Parker,* V. T. Chears,* M. C. King.

WAXHAW—O. M. Sanders, L. M. Riner, W. G. McGuirt.

OLIVE BRANCH—C. T. Bailey, B. F. Staton, Ellis Godwin.

BETHEL—J. J. Cox, W. B. Marsh, J. W. Bivens, Sr.

ROCKY MT.—Alex. Boswell, J. W. Allen, Alex. Smith.*

DEEP SPRING—A. Phifer, J. H. Griffin, R. F. Caudle.*

PLEASANT PLAIN—H. B. King,* C. D. Riggins,* J. B. Shannon.*

NEW HOPE—A. Baucom, A. J. Mullis, J. L. Williams.

HOPEWELL—J. C. Sikes, Jas. Long, T. E. Long.

MACEDONIA—Gilbert Preslar, N. A. Funderburk, H. W. Outen.*

MT. PLEASANT—F. M. Broom, T. M. Little, B. L. Godwin.

MATTHEWS—W. M. Johnson, H. V. Massey, E. J. Funderburk.

*Absent.

Liberty Hill—Eli Walden,* W. C. West, F. B. Funderburk.
Benton's X Roads—J. B. Beckham, S. A. Helms, D. C. Trull.
Black Creek—J. F. Allen, J. A. Sanders,* H. M. Nicholson.
Grove Spring—A. S. Gaddy, W. A. Griffin, E. L. Gardner.
Mill Creek—Jacob Medlin, I. A. Clontz, J. T. Trull.
Ebenezer—J. E. Rowel, T. A. Price.
Cane Creek—H. J. Rollins, R. J. Rollins,* S. J. Rowell.

On motion of Rev. W. M. Johnson, brethren from churches not having a full delegation are allowed seats as delegates from their churches.

On motion of Bro. C. Austin, delegates from churches not represented by letter are admitted to seats.

Election of officers is next in order, and Brethren J. S. Caanady and J. J. Cox are appointed tellers. The vote is taken, and Rev. D. M. Austin is elected Moderator, and J. W. Bivens, Clerk.

The Moderator invites corresponding messengers to seats with the body. Rev. R. H. James, from the Rocky River Association, presents himself and is cordially received.

Pastor J. A. Bivens, in behalf of the church and community, welcomes the Association.

The Moderator announces that Bro. Ray is expected on Saturday, who desires that reports on State Missions and Sunday Schools be withheld until then.

On motion of Bro. A. B. Caudle, State Missions is made the special order for Saturday 10:30 o'clock, and report on S. S. also deferred until Saturday.

Bro. C. Austin moves that the Association meet at 9:30, A. M., adjourn at 12, M., for one hour, and in the evening at will.

Bro. J. L. Bennett moves to spend half an hour in religious exercies each day, before beginning on regular business.

The pastor and delegates of this church are appointed a committee on religious exercises.

On motion, Association adjourns. Prayer and benediction by Rev. W. M. Johnson.

SECOND DAY.

Friday, October 16th, 1885.

Association meets according to adjournment. Spends half an hour

in religious exercises, conducted by the Moderator. The proceedings of yesterday are read and approved. The Moderator appoints the following committees:

On Finance—J. S. Canady, J. C. Sikes, S. D. Moore.

" *Requests and Queries*—J. L. Bennett, W. B. Marsh, E. J. Funderburk.

On Obituaries—J. A. Bivens, W. M. Johnson, D. A. Snider.

Executive—J. E. W. Austin, F. B. Ashcraft, J. W. Bivens.

Letter from Deep Spring is received and read.

Visiting brethren are again invited to seats with us. Rev. H. W. Battle and Bro. W. J. Ashcraft, from the Anson Association, are present and receive a cordial welcome.

Bro. Battle requests special order for Home Missions. Bro. C. Austin moves that the subject be taken up first thing in the afternoon session.

On motion of Bro. C. Austin, a committee is appointed to receive applications from churches seeking admission into the Association, and report to the body upon their orthodoxy. The Moderator appoints the following brethren on said committee: C. Austin, J. A. Bivens and H. V. Massey.

On Motion of Bro. C. Austin, the Clerk is instructed to supply the churches with blank church letters, and defray expenses from minute fund.

The report on Foreign Missions is called for and read by the writer, Bro. A. B. Caudle. On motion, speeches are limited to 20 minutes for opening, and those following to 10 minutes. The subject of Foreign Missions is discussed by Bro. Caudle, Rev. H. W. Battle, Brethren J. S. Canady and C. Austin. The report is adopted as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Dear Brethren:—The duty of sending the gospel to the heathen is a subject which has been discussed in our Association for years, and we are not aroused to the full importance of this great duty we owe to God. The question has been asked, "can the heathen be saved without the gospel?" That is answered by Jesus. He says: "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." Then again: "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."—Acts iv., 12. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."—Mark xvi., 16. Then we have in Paul's

Letter to the Romans these words: "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent."—Rom. x., 14–15. "Go teach all nations." "Go preach the gospel to every creature," &c., is the command of Jesus; teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, &c. Then how shall we teach the heathen? How shall we tell them of the great love of Jesus; of the news of salvation that is offered to every one? Simply by holding up the hands of these dear brethren who have left all, to preach glad tidings to them who are afar off, to them who are in heathen lands. To do this we must give of our means to support these dear brethren. Yes, give, and give liberally of our money, because all we have has been given us by God. How can we say to the hungry, eat, drink and be ye filled, and withhold from them those things which they need. Dear brethren, think of these things. I pray that they may be impressed upon your hearts and minds, that you may act as in the fear of God; remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, who said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." For in keeping His commandments there is great reward, and it brings joy and peace to our souls. Remember that millions of souls are perishing, who have never heard the glorious news of salvation. While this is the case we stand idle, claiming that we have tasted of the bread of life, that we have drank of the living waters, that we have been redeemed and saved from the eternal death. Dear brethren, let us not stop here and be satisfied with being cleansed ourselves; but let us return and give glory to God by sending the good news to those who have it not—to those poor souls who are perishing in heathen lands by giving freely of our means, by our prayers; and by and by we shall hear the welcome plaudit: "Come in, ye blessed of My Father, you have been faithful, enter into the joys prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Respectfully submitted, A. B. CAUDLE.

Rev. J. A. Bivens submits the following Report on Temperance:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

See the temperance home! How lovely! Prosperity, plenty, harmony, love and peace, all preside there. A heavenly spirit rests there, as did in Abraham's tent. But let intemperance reign, and flowers wither; the blessed spirit departs; the old family altar crumbles; luxuries leave; necessities follow; health and happiness flee; tattered penury comes; hollow-hearted famine comes; disease and misery come. But is there no remedy? There is only one available human remedy—and that is an organized body, backed by the power of God, and fighting upon the principles of total abstinence; and that should be the church of Christ. J. A. BIVENS.

Earnest appeals for abstinence from strong drink are made

by the writer, and Brethren C. Austin, J. S. Canady, H. W. Battle and W. M. Johnson. On motion, the report is adopted.

The Association adjourns for dinner. Benediction by Rev. H. W. Battle.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. G. O. Wilhoit leads in prayer.

Letters from Benton's X Roads and New Hope are received and read. Rev. G. O. Wilhoit is welcomed to a seat with the body as a visiting brother from the Anson Association.

On motion, the regular order is suspended, and Bro. Battle allowed as much time as desired to present the claims of the Home Mission Board. A report on this subject is read by J. W. Bivens, and very ably discussed by Rev. H. W. Battle, of Wadesboro. The report is adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Here in North Carolina, where we are so abundantly blessed with gospel privileges it is not a hard matter for us to forget the needs and wants of those less favored. We look around us and see churches on every hand. We hear ministers in every pulpit proclaiming "good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." We have the Holy Bible in all our homes; and we feel that His word hath entered and given us light.—Ps. cxix., 130. Our hearts swell with gratitude itude for such blessings. We desire that heathen nations ignorantly worshiping with deluded zeal idols of their own strong fancy, may walk in the same light. But while we are thus rejoicing that grace hath abounded toward us; and, bending our efforts for the salvation of far off lands, do we not often forget that there are thousands of our own countrymen, speaking the same language, and protected by the same government, who know nothing of the plan of salvation, or of the truth as we believe it to be taught in the blessed gospel of our Savior? Shall we overlook the fact that there are in the Southern States eight million souls who are ignorant of the gospel, or know nothing of its saving power? Christ's last and great commission to His disciples was, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."—Mark xvi., 15. This commission, we believe is still binding on christians. But by reference to Luke xxiv., 47, we find "that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." The disciples were to preach the gospel first among their own people, and then in the regions beyond. And shall we not endeavor to spread the gospel of God's grace throughout our own land and country? To this end the Home Mission Board has been laboring for forty years. Its Missionaries have been the pioneers of the Baptist. Some of the most

efficient churches in the Southern Convention were once its mission stations. "Its work among the Indians has done more towards civilizing and making them reputable citizens than all the forces of the United States Government." Eighty-one churches have been organized among them, with upward of 4,000 members. The Board reports 185 missionaries in the field last year, who baptised 2931 converts. Are not such reports encouraging? And shall we not endorse its work? Yet this Board needs help and sympathy for the remnant of the Red man's race demands our aid. To check the progress of the many false theories of religion will require activity and energy.

Then let us do all we can to sustain the work of the Home Mission Board; and those who go out in the face of opposition—meeting error in all its forms; to labor for the salvation of our fellow men at home, and pray God's blessing upon their efforts, that the glorious light of the gospel may continue to spead until it shall shine throughout the length and breadth of our entire land, that all may see the light and walk in its radiance. Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. BIVENS.

Congregation rises and sings, "Am I a soldier of the cross."

Delegates present make the following pledges for their churches to Home Missions to be paid by 1st of April, 1886: Monroe, $10.00; Faulk's, $1.00; Meadow Branch, $5.00; Shiloh, $1.50; Mt. Moriah, paid, $1.00; Philadelphia, $1.50; Waxhaw, $10.00; Olive Branch, paid, $2.50; Bethel, $4.00; Rocky Mount, paid, $1.00; Deep Spring, $1.00; New Hope, $1.00; Hopewell, $2.50; Macedonia, $2.00; Mt. Pleasant, $1.00; Matthews, $5.00; Liberty Hill, paid, $1.00; Benton's X Roads, $1.00; Black Creek, $1.00; Grove Spring, $2.00; Mill Creek, $2.00; Ebenezer, $1.00; E. L. Davis, $2.00.

Lette s from Rocky Mount and Liberty Hill are received and read.

The report on Periodicals is next called for. The writer on this subject being absent, Rev. W. M. Johnson prepares and reads the following:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is with us all a reality that as soon as we begin to live, we are blessed with the power of development of the faculties that govern our lives. Habit is one of the powers of development. Whatever we allow ourselves to get in the habit of doing, will, to a great extent, make up our lives. How important then that we form good habits. I urge, therefore, that we all take the "Biblical Recorder," that we may get in the habit of reading that which will do us good, and place it in the hands of our children and friends. I would urge

and beg that we all take as many of the Mission papers as we can.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. JOHNSON.

Bro. Johnson leads in a discussion of the subject, followed by Bro. C. Austin and Rev. G. O. Wilhoit. The subject is left open until to-morrow. On mention of Bro. C. Austin, the Moderator is requested to prepare a report on Education and Rev. J. L. Bennett on Ministerial Support, the writers on these subjects having failed to report. On motion, Association adjourns. "Jesus lover of my soul" is sung. Prayer and benediction by Rev. H. W. Battle.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, Oct. 17th, 1885.

Association meets at usual hour. Spend half hour in devotional exercises. The proceedings of yesterday are read, corrected and approved. An invitation is again given to visiting brethren to take part in the deliberations. Bro. J. E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, and Rev. R. T. Bryan, Missionary to China, from the Eastern Association, present themselves and are cordially received. Bro. Bryan requests some time on the subject of Foreign Missions. Bro. C. Austin moves that he be allowed all the time before noon not taken up by Bro. Ray on State Missions.

Bro. Ray represents the Recorder and solicits subscribers. On motion, report on Periodicals is adopted. On motion of Clerk, the roll of delegates is called, and those absent marked.

The committee on reception of churches, reports a petition from Cane Creek, a newly organized Baptist church, and recommends its reception. On motion, this church is received to membership, and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator to its delegates present, S. J. Rowel and H. J. Rollins.

The special order for the hour being State Missions, Bro. O. M. Sanders reads report.

Bro. Ray in an earnest and interesting appeal, presents the claims of the State Mission Board, and report is adopted.

The following is the report:

Your committee beg leave to report that the State Board has in the field this year 70 missionaries. These men are doing a good work. They are dependent upon us for moral and pecuniary support. Shall they be disappointed? Shall they not have our sympa-

thy, our prayers, our contributions? Brethren, let us be more liberal in our contributions for this object, in order that the salaries of the missionaries may be paid quarterly; and the much that remains to be done by the Board in supplying the destitute portions of our State with the bread of life, may be accomplished. A section of this destitution within the bounds of our Association and along our western border in Lancaster county, S. C., embraces 500 square miles of territory with only one self sustaining church (Waxhaw) in its midst. It seems to your committee that something should be done, speedily done, for this section. What shall it be?

Respectfully submitted, O. M. SANDERS.

On motion of Bro. J. S. Canady, the report on Foreign Missions is reconsidered. Bro. Canady moves this subject be again taken up. Bro. Bryan entertains the Association with an able and well delivered address on this subject. Hour for adjournment has arrived. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," is sung. Benediction by Rev. J. L. Bennett.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association reassembles. Rev. R. T. Bryan leads in prayer. The letter from Philadelphia is received. The following pledges are made by the churches for the support of State and Foreign Missions:

STATE MISSIONS.

Monroe, $25.00; Faulk's, $3.00; Meadow Branch, $10.00; Shiloh, $1.50; Philadelphia, $5.00; Waxhaw, $20.00; Olive Branch, $5.00; Bethel, $10.00; Rocky Mount, $5.00; Deep Spring, $2.00; New Hope, $1.00; Hopewell, $5.00; Macedonia, $3.00; Mt. Pleasant, $2.00; Cane Creek, $1.00; Matthews, $5.00; Liberty Hill, $1.00; Benton's X Roads, $2.00; Black Creek, $1.00; Grove Spring, $3.00; Mill Creek, $5.00; Ebenezer, $2.00; M. D. Melton, $1.00; Total, $118.50,

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Monroe, $10.00; Faulk's, $2.00; Meadow Branch, $10.00; Shiloh, $1.00; Mt. Moriah, $1.00; Philadelphia, $1.50; Waxhaw, $15.00; Olive Branch, $2.00; Bethel, $6.00; Deep Spring, $1.00; Hopewell $2.00; Macedonia, $3.00; Mt. Pleasant, $2.00; Matthews, $5.00; Liberty Hill, $1.00; Benton's X Roads, $2.00; Black Creek, $1.00; Grove Spring, $2.00; Mill Creek, $2.00; Ebenezer, $2.00; Cane Creek, $1.00. Total, $72.50.

The following report on S. S. is read by Bro. J. S. Canady; which, after discussion by Brethren Canady and Ray, is adopted:

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN: It might be said of some that, while the Sunday School work is a grand and good work, yet it might be somewhat difficult to write an article on the subject of S. S. giving Scriptural quotations as our authority for it, as the word Sunday-School is not found in the Bible. But while this is true we believe it also true that there is an abundance of Scripture to justify us it the work, as the Bible plainly teaches Sabbath worship without discrimination as to age or size; and time and space would fail me to quote to you the different passages of Scripture enjoining upon us the duty of teaching our children. I will name only a few, which are as follows: "That thou mayst tell it in the ears of thy son and thy son's son what things I have wrought in Egypt."—Ex. XIII., 8. "And thou shalt show thy son in that day, saying, this is done because of that which the Lord did unto me," and so on.—Deut. XI., 19. "And ye shall teach them your children," &c. "We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord." "For he established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers that they should make them known to their children." "That the generations to come might know them."—Ps. LXXVIII., 4–5–6. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."—Prov. XXII., 6. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise unto salvation."—2d Tim. III., 15. The above passages might refer to individual training, but we find also that there was congregational training, which you will find in Deut. XXXI., 12–13, where Ezra, the Scribe, commanded, saying: "Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law. And that their children which have not known any thing may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God," &c. For further instructions as to our duty to our children see 1st, 4th, 8th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 20th and 23d chapters, and many others. Then, with the Bible commands before us, we plainly see that it is not only our duty as believers in the word of God, or as His creatures, to attend upon the services of His house; but to teach our children the same that they may grow up in "the fear and admonition of the Lord;" and no one, and especially those who profess to follow Christ, can afford to neglect this duty. Then, my brethren, let us, as the church of God, and believers in the Lord Jesus, arise and with renewed efforts endeavor to enlarge this grand and noble work, that we may be instrumental in the hands of God in bringing souls to Christ, and advance his kingdom in the earth.

Yours in Christ, J. S. CANADY.

Ministerial Support is taken up. Report read by Rev. J. L. Bennett.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

It is expected that in all the various lawful pursuits of human life that man shall live by his labor. Then it is not unreasonable that "They that preach the gospel should live of the gospel." When we consider the great and inestimable benefits of the gospel, with is elevating, inspiring and soul-saving influences, and then consider the immoral, confused, idolatrous and wretched condition without the gospel, we are forced to this conclusion: that all should appreciate and support the gospel, rather than drive it away. Jesus says the laborer is worthy of his hire, and of his meat. Stop the gospel and all will come to dessolation, heathenism and destruction. Let us not only support the gospel here, but send afar, and support it that it may drive back the darkness of heathenism, that all may live in the glow of its light, inspired by its spirit that the kingdoms of this world may all be the kingdoms of our Lord Jesus, to the glory of God.

J. L. BENNETT.

In the discussion of this subject Ministerial Education is included. Speeches are made on these subjects by Rev. R. T. Bryan and Bro. J. E. Ray. Congregation stands and sings, "Must Jesus bear the cross alone?"

Bro. Bennett moves that we pledge ourselves to try to raise something for each object presented in the church letters to the Association.

The Committeeon Finance makes the following report, which is received and adopted:

We, the Committee on Finance appointed by the body, beg leave to make the following report, to wit:

For State Missions	$81.95
" Foreign Missions	11.30
" Ministerial Education	5.00
" Home Missions	1.45
" Minute Fund	34.64
" Baptist Orphanage	2.45
" Associational Missions	1.35
Total	$138.14

The Committee on Requests and Queries failed to make a report.

Upon calling the list of churches it was ascertained that the following had requested the Association to hold its next session with them: Meadow Branch, Waxhaw, Philadelphia, Rocky Mount, and Hopewell. The Association decides to hold its next session with the church at Hopewell. Rev. A. Marsh is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon; Rev. J. A. Bivens, alternate; Rev. J. L. Bennett, the Missionary Sermon; Rev. D. A. Snider, alternate.

Appointment of writers for next session:
Foreign Missions—O. M. Sanders.
State Missions—Rev. J. L. Bennett.
Ministerial Support—J. S. Canady.
Periodicals—J. W. Bivens.
Sunday Schools—H. V. Massey.
Temperance—T. B. Phillips.
Education—A. Marsh.
Home Missions—John H. Benton.

The Report on Obituaries is received and adopted, as follows:

OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries respectfully ask to state that we find that our Heavenly Father has seen fit to remove by death, during this Associational year, twenty-two of our dear brethren and sisters from the various churches composing this body. We therefore respectfully recommend to the christian sympathy of this Association the bereaved families thus afflicted in the all-wise Providence of our Hevenly Father. Meadow Branch loses a good member in the person of Sister Dorcas Trull. Like Dorcas of old, she was kind, self-sacrificing, always doing all that she could for the comfort and welfare of those around her. Waxhaw has lost a faithful deacon and Sunday-school worker in the departure of J. C. Sanders. He was active and liberal and will be greatly missed. Bethel moans with the bereaved husband the loss of an estimable sister, the wife of Bro. W. B Marsh. Her life was an explemary one. Warm hearted and benevolent, she was beloved by all who knew her. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." A young and zealous brother has been called from Faulks church. J. S. Bivens was only twenty-two years old. Enthusiastic in the work of the Lord, he spent one year in the ministry, and was called up higher. Two weeks of severe illness was borne with perfect resignation to the will of Him who doeth all things well. He sang one stanza of "Alas and did my Savior bleed," and immediately went to join the Heavenly choir. While we deeply mourn his loss, we can truly say: "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his."

W. M. JOHNSON, Chairman Com.

The delegates from Olive Branch church bring a charge against Meadow Branch for retaining ministers who have received into the organazation of a new church excluded members from Olive Branch church; and request the Association to appoint a committee to report at next session what action should be taken. On motion of Bro. C. Austin, the request is granted; and the Moderator appointed on said committee Rev. W. M. Johnson, Bro. O. M. Sanders and Rev. J. A. Bivens.

On motion, all monies in the hands of the Treasurer for objects of the B. S. Convention, are paid over to Bro. J. E. Ray.

Bro. C. Austin moves that six dollars and fifty cents, now on

hand, be given to the Board of Education.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. Canady, is adopted:

Resolved, That this Association meets hereafter on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in October, instead of Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in October.

Corresponding messengers to sister Associations are appointed, as follows:

Moriah—M. D. Melton, Jas. W. Little.
Rocky River—J. L. Bennett, J. C. Sikes.
South Yadkin—J. A. Bivens, M. Braswell.
Pee Dee—A. Marsh, R. T. Caudle.
York—O. M. Sanders, W. M. Johnson.
Anson—J. W. Bivens, J. S. Canady, J. A. Bivens.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention: C. Austin, D. A. Snider, J. A. Bivens, J. L. Bennett. J. C. Sikes, B. F. Staton, J. W. Hamilton, W. M. Johnson, J. J. Beasley, J. S. Canady, S. Ross.

Rev. J. A. Bivens moves that collection of to-morrow be given to Foreign Missions.

Bro. C. Austin offers the following resolutions, which are adopted:

Resolved, 1, That the thanks of this body be, and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their bountiful hospitality in entertaining this body.

Resolved, 2, That we tender our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their faithful and efficient services during this session of our body.

Bro. C. Austin moves that the Clerk be allowed $10 from minute fund for his services, and balance of fund be expended for the printing of minutes.

Moderator announces Sunday-school mass meeting for to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The minutes of to-day are read and approved.

On motion, the Association adjourns to meet with the church at Hopewell, 13 miles north-east of Monroe, on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1886.

"Am I a soldier of the cross" is sung, and parting hand taken. Bro. Ray makes a closing prayer. Benediction by the Moderator.

D. M. AUSTIN, MODERATOR.

JOHN W. BIVENS, *Clerk*.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

Sunday morning a Sunday-school mass meeting was held, and short reports had from a number of schools

At 11 o'clock Rev. D. M. Austin preached the Missionary Sermon to a large and attentive congregation. Text, Matt. XIII., 55: "Is not this the carpenter's son. A collection was taken, amounting to $17.90.

In the afternoon Rev. R. T. Bryan preached an interesting and practical sermon from 1st Peter, II,, 1, 2, 3.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND THEIR P. O.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses	State Missions.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.
Monroe	D. M. Austin	O. C. Curlee, Monroe	$900 00	$315 49	$25 00	$10 00	$....	$55 00	$2 43
Faulks	J L Bennett & D A Snider	S. W. Bennett, Monroe	40 00	.....	5 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 90
Meadow Branch	E. L. Davis	H. C. Moore, Monroe	90 00	1168 00	10 00	....	6 56	5 00	3 56
Shiloh	J. L. Bennett	G. W. Baucom, Monroe	60 00	10 40	3 00	.....	1 05	.....	1 10
Mt. Moriah	W. F. Little	T. E. Lowery, Brown Creek	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	1 10
Philadelphia	D. A. Snider	V. T. Chears, Brown Creek	.....	.....	5 00	.....	1 00	.....	2 00
Waxhaw*	J. A. Bivens	S. T. Adams, Adams' Mill	64 80	53 00	20 00	5 46	5 10	....	1 95
Olive Branch	J L Bennett & D A Snider	H. T. Baucom, Olive Branch	100 12	3 94	5 00	.....	.....	8 10	1 55
Bethel	J. A. Bivens	J. J. Cox, Lanes Creek	40 00	53 60	10 00	2 60	5 00	5 35	1 25
Rocky Mt	....	J. M. Broadaway, Goodman	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Deep Spring	R. T. Caudle	A. Phifer, Beaver Dam	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	1 40
Pleasant Plain	E. C. Williams	W. S. Paxton, Indian Trail	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1 05
New Hope	A. Marsh	W. B. Smith, Olive Branch	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	75
Hopewell	J L Bennett & D A Snider	W. L. Biggers, Long's Store	100 00	517 10	5 25	1 35	2 15	.....	1 50
Macedonia	J. J. Beasley	Gilbert Preslar, Monroe	50 00	.....	3 00	2 85	45	70	1 25
Mt. Pleasant	J. J. Beasley	J M Funderburk, Wolf Pond	.....	45	.....	.....	1 35	.....	1 00
Matthews	Jas. B. Richardson	L. C. Morton, Matthews	200 00	172 50	17 64	9 23	.....	.....	2 00
Liberty Hill	W. F. Little	H. W. Funderburk, Zoar	.....	.....	85	1 00	.....	.....	1 00
Benton's X Roads	J L Bennett & D A Snider	E. L. Benton, Raywood	47 00	11 25	3 00	.....	.....	.....	1 30
Black Creek	W. F. Little	J. A. Saunders, Irvington	50 00	26 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Grove Spring	J L Bennett & D A Snider	J. H. Gardner, Beaver Dam	50 00	.....	5 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 60
Mill Creek	J L Bennett & D A Snider	C. H. Braswell, Monroe	44 25	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1 10
Ebenezer	W. M. Johnson	S. C. Walters	35 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	80
Cane Creek	J. J. McLendon	B. F. Rollins	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55

*Contributed $5.00 for Ministerial Education.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Sabbath of Preaching.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Male Members.	Female Members.	Total Membership.	S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR P. O.	No. of Scholars.	Teachers and Officers.	Average Attendance.	Kind Words Taken.	No. Baptist Teachers taken.	Other Papers.	No. Months open	Contributions by S. S.
Monroe	Each	7	7	..	8	1	..	57	105	162	D. M. Austin, Monroe	120	10	82	10	30	80	12	$61 52
Faulks	1	7	2	..	1	1	4	..	..	....	S. Ross, Monroe	....	2	25	32	....	....	9	3 00
Meadow Branch	2	9	..	..	5	2	1	69	132	201	N. W. Bivens, Monroe	56	10	42	....	....	88	11	10 25
Shiloh	2	2	4	1	3	6	2	27	53	80	F. M. Sutton, Monroe	....	....	..	....	....	....	3	3 00
Mt. Moriah	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	27	51	....	....	25	....	....	....	6	.....	
Philadelphia	4	10	5	2	5	2	..	61	130	191	M. C. King, Lunes Creek	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	.....
Waxhaw	2	16	2	..	1	2	2	50	77	127	L. M. Riner, Adams' Mill	90	11	67	....	....	30	12	25 65
Olive Branch	2 & 4	...	1	..	11	9	1	66	101	167	C. T. Bailey, Olive Branch	65	6	40	30	....	10	8	5 00
Bethel	4	4	..	..	1	..	1	17	29	46	M. W. Moore, Beaver Dam	20	3	16	....	....	.....	..	3 25
Rocky Mt	4	8	6	2	7	1	..	16	36	52	A. Boswell, Goodman	75	....	50	....	....	....	4	.....
Deep Spring	2	5	..	..	..	3	..	22	39	61	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Pleasant Plain	1	2	..	1	7	2	..	11	24	35	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
New Hope	1	4	1	..	5	..	..	10	19	29	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Hopewell	1	12	2	..	1	1	3	45	60	105	R. Pope, Oak Grove	65	5	....	....	5	65	5	4 45
Macedonia	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	15	35	50	W. Baker, Monroe	50	5	31	15	....	34	6	9 11
Mt. Pleasant	3	3	2	..	1	6	1	28	33	61	B. L. Godwin, Monroe	52	11	30	....	....	....	4	1 25
Matthews	4	5	8	..	2	1	2	37	49	86	H. V. Massey, Matthews	40	8	30	....	6	....	12	20 00
Liberty Hill*	1	5	4	1	2	1	..	27	57	84	Eli Walden, Zoar	47	7	25	....	....	....	7	40
Benton's X Roads	1	2	1	..	2	1	2	29	29	58	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Black Creek	2	5	7	1	1	1	1	22	41	63	T. R. Mangum, Irvington	85	6	50	26	....	....	12	3 00
Grove Spring	3	8	2	..	1	..	..	24	32	56	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Mill Creek	4	3	..	1	..	..	1	35	55	90	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Ebenezer	3	1	2	..	3	..	1	13	13	26	S. C. Walters, Raywood	30	3	20	....	....	35	9	4 35
Cane Creek	.....	...	..	..	..	..	..	7	8	15	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....

*Received by relation 2.

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PROCEEDINGS.

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH, Union Co., N. C., Oct. 7, 1886.

The Union Association meets with the church at this place in its Thirty-Second annual session.

Rev. J. L. Bennett, who was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, is absent. Rev. A. C. Davis consents to take his place, and preaches from the text, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."—Psalm, 126 : 6.

After adjournment for one hour, the association is called to order by the Moderator.

Rev. J. A. Bivens reads 2nd Psalm. Rev. J. A. Sanders leads in prayer. The Moderator appoints the following brethren a committee to receive letters of application for admission into this association, viz.: E. L. Davis, H. V. Massey, T. B. Phillips. Letters from the churches are presented. Brethren H. C. Moore and R. Redfearn are appointed reading clerks.

The letters are read and delegates enrolled, as follows:

MONROE – C. Autsin, J. E. W. Austin, R. Redfearn.
FAULKS—D. A. Snider, J. R. Bivens, B. B. Sheron.
MEADOW BRANCH—E. L. Davis, H. C. Moore, J. C. Mullis.
SHILOH—W. J. Sutton, J. M. Simpson, Noah Helms.
MT. MORIAH—P. H. Mills, Wheeler Mills, Jeff. Rape.
PHILADELPHIA—J. L. Autrey, M. C. King, J. B. Cox.
WAXHAW—R. W. Flow, O. M. Sanders, S. T. Adams.
OLIVE BRANCH—W. H. Gaddy, J. M. Griffin, W. T. Sinclair.
BETHEL – W. B. Marsh, V. A. Ashcraft, J. A. Bivens.
ROCKY MT.—J. C. Nance, Alex. Smith, J. M. Broadaway.
DEEP SPRING – A. Phifer, A. Caudle, R. T. Caudle.
PLEASANT PLAIN—W. S. Paxton, J. B. Shannon, A. J. Shannon.
NEW HOPE—W. B. Smith, A. J. Mullis, J. L. Williams.
HOPEWELL – Jas. Long, Henry Dry, J. K. Williams.
MACEDONIA—J. B. Mangum, J. S. Rogers, A. C. Baker.
MT. PLEASANT—J. M. Funderburk, Jas. McRae, J. W. Little.
MATTHEWS—W. M. Johnson, T. J. Renfroe, L. M. McLendon.
LIBERTY HILL—B. F. Dees, W. C. West, H. W. Funderburk.
BENTON'S X ROADS—S. A. Helms, J. F. Belk, J. L. Benton.
BLACK CREEK—W. F. Little, J. A. Sanders, G. W. Knight.
GROVE SPRING—H. B. Griffin, W. A. Little, J. H. Gardner.
MILL CREEK—I. A. Clontz, N. W. Braswell, J. G. Tomberlin.
EBENEZER—M. A. Helms, S. C. Walters, H. W. Purser.
CANE CREEK—S. J. Rowel, H. J. Rollins, B. F. Rollins.

The Committee on Church Reception, having received an application from Pleasant Hill church, of the Rocky River Association, (now dissolved), make the following report:

"We, your committee, recommend that this church be received into this Association in full fellowship."

E. L. DAVIS, Chairman.

The report is adopted, and hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator to the delegates, Brethren J. M. Burmingham, John Burmingham and A. H. Griffin. Brother H. C. Moore moves that we go into the election of officers. The Moderator appoints Brethren H. C. Moore and R. Redfearn to wait on the Association and collect ballots. The vote is taken, which results in the re-election of Rev. D M Austin, Moderator, and J. W. Bivens, Clerk. On motion of Bro. J. E. W. Austin, Bro. H. V. Massey is re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Visiting brethren are invited to seats with the body. Rev. J. M. McCurdy and Rev. A. C. Davis being present from the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association are welcomed to seats with us.

Rev. H. W. Battle, as representative of the Orphanage Association, is cordially received.

Rev. E. L. Davis moves that we meet at 9:30, A. M., spend half hour in prayer meeting, adjourn at 12:30, P. M., for one hour, and in the evening at will. Motion adopted.

On motion, Association adjourns to Friday morning. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" is sung. Benediction by Rev. E. L. Davis.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, October 8th, 1886.

The Association meets at the hour appointed.

Religious exercises are conducted by Rev. E. L. Davis. The proceedings of yesterday are read, corrected and approved. The Moderator annouces the following committees:

On Finance - J. E. W. Austin, J. C. Sikes, O. M. Sanders.

On Requests and Queries—E. L. Davis, W. J. Sutton, L. M. McLendon.

On Obituaries—J. B. Ashcraft, Wm. Long, D. A. Snider.

The report on Periodicals is called for and read. Rev. E. L. Davis moves its adoption. Bro. J. E W. Austin moves to amend by also recommending "Kind Words."

PERIODICALS.

The newspapers published weekly are Legion. The reading matter contained in these is mental food for the masses; and the greater part of this is corrupting rather than elevating to the mind that feeds upon it. Such only as encourage morality, promote piety, prompt to benevolence, and excite in the minds of our youth high and noble aspirations should receive our support and patronage. To make us active and liberal in the

service of our Master we must be frequently admonished to duty. To enlist our sympathy and co-operation with our brethren in mission work, and the various other worthy objects that concern us as Baptists, we must be acquainted with the work in which they are engaged, their need of help, and the result of their efforts. All needful information pertaining to our denominational work may be obtained through the BIBLICAL RECORDER, which for so long has boldly and fearlessly advocated the Truth as we believe it to be taught in God's word. We therefore recommend it as worthy of an extensive circulation in our midst. Parents especially should see that it supercedes in their families the trashy literature everywhere so prevalent, and so poisonous to the mind of youth. We also recommend "KIND WORDS," for the use of our children. Respectfully,

J. W. BIVENS.

After discussion by the writer, Revs. E. L. Davis, H. W. Battle, C. S. Farris, and others, the report, as amended, is adopted.

Bro. Farris represents the *Recorder*, and solicits subscribers.

Foreign Missions is now taken up. Bro. O. M. Saunders reads the following report, which, on motion, is received:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We number in this Association more than 2,000 members. We pledged this year for Foreign Missions $72, or a fraction over three cents per member. This, in comparison with what we used to do, is liberal, for I find that the churches comprising this Association have given only $150 for this cause in the last ten years—$15 a year—an average of less than one cent per member. There is an Association in this State (the Central) that pays half of Dr. Yates' salary. And though in numbers and wealth they are superior to us, yet, if we were alive to our responsibilites, could we not raise $500 for this cause? It would only be 25 cents per member—one-half a cent for each Sabbath. Does this look like devising things too liberally for Christ? I do not believe there is a christian in our Association, who has health and strength, that is too poor to give that much to send the gospel to the heathen; and there are many of us who could easily give several times that amount. It is a sad fact that more than half of our members give nothing for Missions. How to get our members up to their duty in this particular, it seems to us, is as important a work as could engage our attention. Brethren, let us remember that the world is the field; that multitudes of human beings are perishing for the bread of life, and that it is our high privilege to dispense this living bread. Respectfully submitted,

O. M. SANDERS.

On motion to adopt, Rev. E. L. Davis leads in discussion. Revs. A. C. Davis, W. M. Johnson and Bro. J. E. Ray follow.

The hour for adjournment has arrived. Bro. Battle requests of the Association a committee to make a report on the Baptist Orphanage. The Moderator appoints Rev. C. S. Farris, Committee.

The benediction is pronounced by Bro. Battle.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After intermission for one hour, the Association reassembles. "Children of the Heavenly King" is sung. Bro. Ray leads in prayer.

Letters from Grove Spring, Mt. Moriah, Macedonia and Cane Creek, are received and read, and the names of delegates enrolled.

The Moderator again invites corresponding and visiting brethren to seats with the body. Rev. E. C. Williams, from the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association, is cordially received as a corresponding messenger. The following are welcomed as visiting brethren: Rev. J. W. Davis, from the Anson Association: Bro. John E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention; and Rev. C. S. Farris, Associate Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*.

A roll of the churches is now called and pledges taken for Foreign Missions, as follows: Monroe, $10; Faulks, $2; Meadow Branch, $10; Shiloh, $2; Mt. Moriah, $1; Philadelphia, $1; Waxhaw, $15; Olive Branch, $2; Bethel, $5; Rocky Mt., $5; Deep Spring, $1; New Hope, $1; Hopewell, $3; Macedonia, $3; Mt Pleasant, $1; Matthews, $5; Liberty Hill, $1; Benton's X Roads, $2; Black Creek, $1; Grove Spring, $1; Mill Creek, $2.50; Ebenezer, $2; Cane Creek, $1; Pleasant Hill, $3. Total, $80.50.

On motion of Rev. J. A. Bivens, the report is adopted.

Bro. Farris reports on Baptist Orphanage:

"The chief of all the graces is charity. God has left his poor to our care. In the development of our christian characters, nothing so well shapes them as our sacrificing for the support of those who cannot support themselves. Whatever sacrifice we might make for Christ, would be small compared to what he did for us, in suffering the death of the cross. In giving of our necessities, therefore, to the Baptist Orphanage we honor God. We become more like him; because in helping the helpless, we manifest His love dwelling in our hearts. For years there has been a necessity for a Baptist Orphanage. The work was finally undertaken, and God is raising up friends for it on every side. Four buildings are already completed and four more are to be built, including a chapel. Thirty-four orphans are being cared for. Besides this, measures have been taken for the eretion, on the grounds, of a home for aged and worn out ministers of the gospel. Who is it that will not contribute to an object of this kind? This Association recommends, therefore, that the churches take regular collections for the Baptist Orphanage, and forward the amounts to J. H. Mills, at Thomasville." COMMITTEE.

Rev. H. W. Battle, in an earnest appeal, presented the claims of the orphans upon our charity. A collection for the Orphanage is taken, amounting to $14.40.

On motion, the report is adopted.

The Association rises and sings one stanza of "Am I a Soldier of the Cross."

The subject of Sunday Schools is taken up. Bro. H. V. Massey, who was appointed on the subject, having failed to prepare a report, makes the following verbal one, which is received and adopted:

"I believe in Sunday Schools. The object of Sunday Schools is that the children may learn the Word of God, and thus be brought into the churches and made useful followers of Christ. I hope to be a member of the Sunday School so long as I live." H. V. MASSEY.

Bro. Ray addresses us on the subject, and calls special attention to the Sunday School Supply Store, Raleigh, N. C., through which all Sunday School supplies may be obtained.

The Association now adjourns to to-morrow. Benediction by Rev. J. J. McLendon.

SATURDAY, Oct. 9., 1886.

Association meets at usual hour and spends half hour in religious exercises, conducted by Rev. A. Marsh. Proceedings of yesterday are read and approved.

Rev. A. Marsh is called on, and reads the following Report on Education:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We believe it to be a duty we owe to our children and to our God, to ever keep the subject of education before our people, believing at the same time our belief is based on the Word of God. The life of Christ as teacher, while here on earth, and his choice of an educated man for his mission to the Gentiles, and the instruction of the Apostle to Timothy, show to us that there is an increasing demand for education. Then let us, as a denomination, do all we can for the advancement of our people. I am glad to say that we have high schools in our State for this purpose, which it is our duty to patronize as far as possible. But we believe we hold the true doctrine of the Bible, and as Solomon has said, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." We cannot allow others to train our children. Therefore, we, as an Association, should have a school under our own supervision to teach our children in the way we believe to be right. I would recommend to this Association Rock Rest High School, that has lately opened as a Baptist school, situated four miles east of Monroe. The location is in a fine hill country, healthy as you will find anywhere, and plenty of good Baptist citizens.

Respectfully submitted, AUGUSTUS MARSH.

Rev. W. M. Johnson moves to adopt the report, and include in the discussion Ministerial Education and Ministerial Support. Rev. E. L. Davis is called upon, and leads in the discussion, urging the importance of Ministerial Support. Revs. J. J. McLendon, J. A. Sanders and J. M. McCurdy follow. Brethren Farris and Ray press the importance of Ministerial Education; and Rev. A. C. Davis and the Moderator that of general education.

The hour has arrived for refreshment. Rev. J. A. Bivens pronounces the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembles, and sings "All hail the power of Jesus' Name." Rev. E. L. Davis leads in prayer.

Rev. Thos. Wright, of the Stanly Association; Bro. R. T. Hamner, of Greensboro, and Bro. J. D. Bonshall, of Palmersville, are received as visitors.

On motion of Rev. J. A. Bivens. Bro. Hamner is allowed ten minutes to solicit aid for Greensboro Baptist church.

The writer on State Missions, Rev. J. L. Bennett, is absent. Bro. Ray submits a report, and leads in the discussion of the subject. On motion, the report is adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Board of Missions has seventy-two missionaries laboring to supply the destitution in North Carolina, a larger number than at any time in the history of the Convention. The Lord has done a most remarkable work through these missionaries. From all parts of the field the glad news comes up of fresh tokens of God's favor. New churches and Sunday schools

have been organized, meeting-houses are building, and thousands of souls have been led to Christ. The Baptists of the State never had greater cause for thanksgiving than at present. Nor is this the only pleasing feature of the work. New and promising fields are constantly opening up before us and begging us for men to carry them the glad news of salvation. There have never been such calls made to your Board at any time. All along the northern, eastern and western borders of this Association, very inviting sections are saying, "Come over and help us." The men, too, are ready to go. Shall we obey the command of our Saviour, and send them the gospel of peace; or will we refuse? The greatest need of the Board is *funds* to supply food and clothing to those who go. And the enlarged outlays of the Board require correspondingly enlarged contributions to this great cause. Shall we not try to meet this demand?

Respectfully submitted.

The following pledges are made to State Missions: Monroe, $25; Faulks, $5; Meadow Branch, $10; Shiloh, $2; Mt. Moriah, $1; Philadelphia, $4x; Waxhaw, $15; Olive Branch, $5; Bethel, paid, $5; Rocky Mt., $2; Deep Spring, $2; New Hope, paid, $1; Hopewell, $5; Macedonia, $3; Mt. Pleasant, $2; Matthews, $5; Liberty Hill, $1; Benton's X Roads, $1.50; Black Creek, $1; Grove Spring, $2; Mill Creek, $5; Ebenezer, $2; Cane Creek, $1; Pleasant Hill, $1. Total amount, $106.50.

Ten dollars in cash is also collected for same object.

Bro. R. Redfearn makes a report on Home Missions, the writer appointed being absent.

On motion, the report is adopted, as follows.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Allwise Creator has abundantly blessed the people of North Carolina with gospel privileges. We see all around us magnificent and beautiful houses of worship, erected for christian worship. Sabbath after Sabbath, and even day after day, we have the blissful pleasure of hearing his servants humbly proclaim the everlasting truth of the Master. Besides this, we have in every home His Holy Word. Therefore, we have the glorious opportunity of reading for ourselves of the blessings which those who trust Him will receive. We should thank God from the immeasurably deep sensibilities of our very souls, for such blessings. We earnestly hope and pray that the day is not far distant when every people to earth's remotest bound shall have the privilege of hearing of Him who died that thereby they might be saved; and who is still pleading with them to accept him as their Savior. We too often forget the painful truth, that there are so many who speak our own language, who are our own countrymen, and over whom the same flag waves so proudly, who know nothing of the truth as we believe it to have been taught by our precious Savior. Then, can we allow this fact to pass by unnoticed, knowing as we do that so many of them in our own midst are utterly ignorant of the blessed gospel and its saving power? Then, it appears to me, above everything else, that we should earnestly endeavor to spread throughout our own land and country the gospel of our Savior. For this noble purpose the Home Mission Board has been working for forty-one years. Its missionaries have grandly prepared the way for the Baptists. A portion of the most efficient churches in the Southern Convention have once been its mission stations. Are we not often receiving encouraging reports from the work of this Board? Then let us heartily endorse its work. This Board needs and must have our aid and sympathy.

Infinite Justice demands that we should teach every people His Word. Then let us do all that is within our power to check the many false forms and theories of religion. To do this we must sustain those who have gone out boldly, facing all opposition, grandly obeying the command of the crucified one, teaching their fellow men the way of salvation. Who is he who will not give to this grand cause? Methinks I hear, as they come on every breeze, that gently steals from our Southern shores, the lamented cries as they come from the heathen of our own land. Shall we stand here idle, heedless of their cries? May God forbid it!

Respectfully submitted, RANDOLPH REDFEARN.

On motion of Rev. J. A. Bivens, one brother is appointed in each church to present to his church the subject of Home Missions, and ask his brethren to contribute to its support. The following were appointed in their respective churches, viz.: R. Redfearn, S. W. Bennett, J. W. Bivens, W. J. Sutton, J. L. Autrey, O. M. Sanders, T. B. Phillips, J. B. Ashcraft, J. M. Broadaway, A. Phifer, W. S. Paxton, W. B. Smith, Jas. Long, J. B. Mangum, J. M. Funderburk, W. M. Johnson, W. C. West, J. B. Beckham, J. A. Sanders, A. Marsh, J. G. Tomberlin, J. E. Rowell, E. F. Rollins, and J. M. Burmingham.

Rev. T. B. Phillips reads the following Report on Temperance, which is adopted:

TEMPERANCE.

At your last session I was appointed to prepare a paper on the above subject. It is a subject that has been written on a great deal, but there is still room for more to be said. Paul says that "every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." We understand this to mean, that in order to overcome evil and establish good, we must not abuse that which we have a moral right to partake of. A certain thing may not be harmful in itself, still it may have its bearing upon a weak brother, or a sinful neighbor. The christian's life should not be simply to himself, but his example and influence should be for the good of others. "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." "If eating meat cause my brother to offend, I will eat no more meat," &c. Then, if the excessive use of a thing is injurious to ourselves, or others, we no longer have the moral right to its use. Let us then abstain from the intemperate use of everything that tends to ruin ourselves, our children, and our neighbors, especially that of strong drink, that is raging with such fury at this present age. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." There have been many deceived and ruined by intemperance, and there are still many more proving themselves to be unwise by the use of intoxicants. Is there no remedy for this great evil? Yes, there is a remedy, and that remedy is the Church of Christ. How is the Church of Christ to overcome this evil? By its members being obedient to the laws of Christ, like the Rechabites who obeyed the commandment of Jonadab, by refusing to drink wine, and thus received the blessing of God. Brethren, let us mount the principal of total abstinence, and there remain until death, then the rising generation will be rescued from the clutches of intemperance, and brought into usefulness, and at last, by the grace of God, will be saved from an awful hell.

Respectfully submitted, T. B. PHILLIPS.

Want of time forbids discussion.

The Committee on Requests and Queries reports:

"We, your Committee, beg leave to make the following report: The churches of Meadow Branch and Rocky Mt. ask the Association to hold its next session with them. The church at Monroe asks help to enable them to finish their church. Cain Creek also asks aid in paying their pastor's salary and furnishing their house of worship.

L. M. McLENDON, Char. of Com.

The Association decides to hold its next session with the church at Meadow Branch, near Ames, on C. C. R. R., beginning Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1887. Rev. J. A. Bivens is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon; Rev. A. Marsh, alternate.

The Moderator appoints the following writers for next session:

Foreign Missions—R. Redfearn.
State Missions—W. M. Johnson.
Ministerial Support—J. A. Bivens.
Periodicals—J. B. Asheraft.
Sunday Schools—B. F. Rollins.
Temperance—J. O. Griffin.
Education—James Long.
Home Missions—H C. Moore.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Moriah—Jas. W. Little, M. C. King.

To the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus—J. M. Braswell, J. C. Sikes, W. M. Johnson.

To the South Yadkin—T. J. Renfroe, E. J. Funderburk.

To the Pee Dee—R. T. Caudle, T. B. Phillips.

To the York—J. J. McLendon, O M. Sanders.

To the Anson—E. L. Davis, J. W. Bivens.

DELEGATES TO THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

N. W. Bivens, Jas. Long, O. M. Sanders, L. M. McLendon, C. A. Asheraft, R. Redfearn, J. W. Bivens, A. Marsh, J. M. Griffin, J. L. Bennett.

The Treasurer, Bro. H. V. Massey, makes the following report, which is received:

1883.	Paid to J. E. Ray for State Missions,	$30	85
	Paid to J. E. Ray for Foreign Missions,	21	50
	Paid to J. E. Ray for Ministerial Education,	21	70
	Paid to J. E. Ray for Home Missions,	27	73
	Paid to J. W. Bivens—Minute Fund,	35	35
1884.	Received and paid out,	$155	18
1885.	Paid to J. E. Ray for State Missions,	$81	95
	Paid to J. E. Ray for Foreign Missions,	21	50
	Paid to J. E. Ray for Ministerial Education,	11	50
	Paid to J. E. Ray for Home Missions,	1	45
	Paid to J. E. Ray for Baptist Orphanage,	2	45
	Paid to J. W. Bivens—Minute Fund,	34	64
	Total,	$143	29
	Balance on hand Oct. 7, 1886,	17	85

The following Report on Obituaries is received:

Your Committee on Obituaries respectfully submit the following report: We find that our Heavenly Father has removed by death, during the Associational year, nineteen of our brothers and sisters.

J. B. ASHCRAFT, Chairman Com.

Rev. J. A. Bivens reports having attended the Anson Association, where he was cordially received.

Rev. D. A. Snider moves that amount in hands of Treasurer and collection to-morrow, be given to Monroe and Cane Creek churches; two-thirds of amount to the former and one-third to the latter.

Rev. A. Marsh offers the following resolution of thanks, which is unanimously adopted:

We hereby tender our sincere thanks to Hopewell Baptist Church and community for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates and visitors during the present session.

Rev. W. M. Johnson moves that the printing of the minutes be left with the Clerk. Also that Clerk be allowed $10 for his services.

The Committee on Finance reports:

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report:

Received for State Missions,		$93 63
"	" Foreign Missions,	53 13
"	" Home Missions,	75
"	" Minute Fund,	36 52
"	" Baptist Orphanage,	2 96
"	" Associational Missions,	1 25
Total,		$188 24

J. E. W. AUSTIN,
J. C. SIKES,
O. M. SANDERS.

The proceedings of to-day are read and approved.

On motion, the Association adjourns; having passed a very harmonious and pleasant session. "Am I a soldier of the Cross" is sung, and the brethren take the parting hand.

The benediction is pronounced by Rev. E. L. Davis.

D. M. AUSTIN, Moderator.

J. W. Bivens, *Clerk.*

SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

A Sunday School mass-meeting is held Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; and short speeches made by Brethren Jas. Long, J. J. McLendon, H. V. Massey, J. M. McCurdy, and J. W. Bivens.

On motion of Rev. D. A. Snidier, Bro. J. B. Ashcraft is appointed General Sunday School Agent for the Union Association.

At eleven o'clock, Rev. E. L. Davis preached the Missionary Sermon to a crowded house, from Romans I., 16; after which a collection is taken, amounting to $22.21.

Rev. A. C. Davis preached in the afternoon. Text: Lev. 17th chap., 11th verse, last clause.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.
Bethel*	$	$	$11 00	$ 7 00	$4 00	$9 65	$1 50
Benton's X Roads	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	3 75	1 00
Black Creek	50 00	30 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 00
Cane Creek	20 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	30
Deep Spring	.....	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 25
Ebenezer	50 00	30 80	2 00	2 00	.....	1 00	1 15
Faulks	50 00	7 55	5 00	2 00	.....	6 00	2 00
Grove Spring	.....	.....	3 00	3 00	2 15	.....	1 75
Hopewell	100 00	.....	5 00	2 00	2 85	.....	2 00
Liberty Hill	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	75	15 00	1 00
Mecedonia	60 00	.....	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	1 50
Matthews	200 00	50	5 00	5 00	5 00	12 65	2 00
Meadow Branch	80 00	1 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	.....	3 00
Monroe*	900 00	2608 77	25 00	10 00	10 00	.....	2 00
Mill Creek	46 75	16 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	.....	1 10
Mt. Moriah	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	2 00	1 10
Mt. Pleasant	.....	95 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	.....	77
New Hope	31 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 00
Olive Branch	75 00	.....	5 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	2 00
Philadelphia	.....	.....	5 00	1 50	.....	1 50	2 00
Pleasant Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Pleasant Plain	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Rocky Mount	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1 25
Shiloh	.....	15 00	1 50	1 18	.....	.....	1 60
Waxhaw	65 25	55 33	17 24	15 00	10 00	5 00	1 75
	.....	2861 95	117 74	$73 68	$45 75	$62 55	$36 52

*Bethel contributes $2.96 to Baptist Orphanage; Monroe contributes $10 to Baptist Orphanage.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. of Scholars	Officers and Teachers.	Average Attendance.	Kind Words Taken.	Bap. Teachers.	Other Papers.	No. Mos. open.	Contributions.
M. W. Moore	20	3	15	....	..	32	11	$ 3 35
J. W. Benton	50	5	30	....	..	....	6	3 00
T. R. Mangum	80	10	50	25	..	..	12	8 00
B. F. Rollins	55	6	45	....	..	....	12	.....
M. F. Phifer	40	6	40	....	..	....	..	.....
S. C. Walters	68	7	45	....	..	75	12	8 88
S. Ross	65	6	55	45	3	....	9	.....
.....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	.....
R. Pope	114	5	90	....	5	90	4½	6 74
Eli Walden	40	7	30	17	..	....	6	2 00
J. B. Mangum	60	7	39	15	..	....	6	3 70
H. V. Massey	60	9	45	....	5	1	12	15 00
J. C. Williams	42	7	32	36	..	14	10	9 75
D. M. Austin	119	11	100	15	40	125	12	50 02
J. M. Braswell	50	7	30	....	..	....	..	2 00
J. D. Dees	73	5	40	....	..	....	6	.....
Jas. McRae	70	10	57	24	..	....	4	1 65
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W. F. Sinclair	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	.....
M. C. King	50	5	40	....	..	....	9	.....
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Mrs. J. G. Grier	90	....	50	....	..	....	12	3 00
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F. M. Sutton	70	8	35	17	..	7	9	5 00
L. M. Riner	53	11	51	....	..	..	12	13 20
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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	Sabbath of Preaching.	Baptised.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Male Members.	Female Members.	Total Membership.
Bethel	J. A. Bivens,	J. J. Cox, Lanes Creek, N. C.	4	6	3	..	2	..	2	19	32	51
Benton's X Roads	Bennett and Snider,	D. C. Trull, Raywood, "	1	6	4	1	6	1	..	29	27	56
Black Creek	W. F. Little,	J. A. Sanders, Irvington, S. C.	2	8	3	..	..	..	..	28	46	74
Cane Creek	J. J. McLendon,	B. F. Rollins, Waterloo, N. C.	1	8	2	1	..	..	..	17	12	29
Deep Spring	R. T. Caudle,	E. H. Blackwell, Lanesboro, "	2	1	..	3	1	1	..	23	40	63
Ebenezer	J. A. Bivens,	H. C. Walters, Cleone, "	3	22	8	1	2	1	..	26	29	55
Faulks	Bennett and Snider,	S. W. Bennett, Monroe, "	1	15	1	..	4	..	..	55	88	143
Grove Spring	Bennett and Snider,	J. H. Gardner, Richardson's Creek, "	3	3	1	..	..	1	1	24	34	58
Hopewell	Bennett and Snider,	W. L. Biggers, Long's Store, "	1	11	2	1	1	4	2	47	65	112
Liberty Hill	W. F. Little,	H. W. Funderburk, Zoar, "	1	9	..	2	2	..	1	27	56	83
Mecedonia	J. L. Bennett,	D. A. Outen, Monroe, "	2	8	2	..	4	1	..	16	38	54
Matthews	J. B. Richardson,	M. H. Lindsay, Matthews, "	4	22	5	..	2	4	..	43	67	110
Meadow Branch	E. L. Davis,	H. C. Moore, Monroe, "	2	9	3	1	7	6	2	65	134	199
Monroe	D. M. Austin,	O. C. Curlee, Monroe, "	Each	...	3	..	8	5	2	50	100	150
Mill Creek	Snider and A. Marsh	C. H. Braswell, Monroe, "	3	39	4	7	5	1	1	58	75	133
Mt. Moriah	W. F. Little,	G. W. Jarrett, Brown Creek, "	1	3	2	2	5	..	1	20	26	46
Mt. Pleasant	D. A. Snider,	J. M. Funderburk, Wolf Pond, "	2	9	5	3	1	3	..	31	42	73
New Hope	A. Marsh,	A. J. Mullis, Gibraltar, "	1	4	2	..	6	2	..	8	18	26
Olive Branch	J. L. Bennett,	H. T. Baucom, Olive Branch, "	4	32	2	7	8	6	1	77	116	193
Philadelphia	D. A. Snider,	V. T. Chears, Brown Creek, "	4	26	4	5	16	7	1	64	146	210
Pleasant Plain	E. C. Williams,	W. S. Paxton, Matthews, "	1	1	2	1	1	2	..	14	29	43
Pleasant Hill	T. B. Phillips,	J. W. Burmingham, Olive Branch, "	1	20	2	2	5	2	2	40	65	105
Rocky Mount	E. L. Davis,	J. M. Broadaway, Goodman's, "	4	...	..	1	1	1	1	16	33	49
Shiloh	J. J. Beasley,	F. M. Sutton, Monroe, "	1	16	1	3	3	..	2	34	54	88
Waxhaw	J. A. Bivens,	S. T. Adam's, Adams' Mill, "	2	7	2	3	1	4	..	49	85	134
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PROCEEDINGS.

MEADOW BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH, UNION CO., N. C., Oct. 6, 1887.

The Union Association meets with the church at this place in its Thirty-third Annual Session.

Rev. C. Durham, of Durham, N. C., by request, preaches the Introductory Sermon, from Heb. xi., 1: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for."

After an adjournment of one hour the Association is called to order by the Moderator, Rev. D. M. Austin. Rev. Jas. B. Richardson reads the 91st Psalm. Rev. J. L. Bennett leads in prayer. The Moderator appoints Brethren R. Redfearn and H. C. Moore reading clerks. Letters from the churches are read, showing the following delegation:

BETHEL—J. J. Cox, J. B. Ashcraft, C. A. Ashcraft.
BENTON'S X ROADS—J. W. Benton, E. L. Benton, J. F. Griffin.
BLACK CREEK—J. F. Allen, R. P. Pigg, J. C. Knight.
CANE CREEK—S. J. Rowel, B. F. Rollins, J. M. Baker.
DEEP SPRING—R. T. Caudle, J. W. Phifer, Wm. Sinclair.
EBENEZER—J. E. Rowel, H. W. Purser, G. W. Baucom.
FAULKS—S. Ross, T. B. Griffin, J. H. Collins.
GROVE SPRING—J. R. Gardner, E. W. Webb, T. B. Hamilton.
HOPEWELL—Henry Dry, Jesse Hough, Jas. Long.
LIBERTY HILL—H. W. Funderburk, B. F. Dees, G. R. Knight.
MACEDONIA—D. A. Outen, J. B. Outen, J. B. Mangum.
MATTHEWS—M. H. Lindsay, T. G. Ervin, Jas. Furguson.
MEADOW BRANCH—Wm. Bivens, W. M. Perry, J. W. Bivens.
MONROE—C. Austin, E. M. Griffin, R. Redfearn.
MILL CREEK—J. M. Braswell, A. Helms, T. C. Presley.
MT. MORIAH—C. Brantley, W. D. Horn.
MT. PLEASANT—L. G. Parker, H. P. Rogers, J. W. Little.
NEW HOPE—H. F. Davis, J. B. Brantley, J. W. Pritchard.
OLIVE BRANCH—T. B. Phillips, Ellis Godwin, Jas. Stewart.
PHILADELPHIA—M. C. King, J. L. Autrey, V. T. Chears.
PLEASANT PLAIN—Not represented.
PLEASANT HILL—John Birmingham, J. D. Boyd, C. P. Stewart.
ROCKY MT.—J. P. Hill, J. W. Curlee, G. W. Allen.
SHILOH—J. W. Benton, L. M. Helms, O. Rogers.
WAXHAW—J. J. Godfrey, M. N. Austin, J. H. Godfrey.

The Moderator announces the election of officers in order, and appoints Brethren H. C. Moore and R. Redfearn, tellers.

The Moderator, having served the Association in that capacity for three years, requests the brethren not to elect him to that office again. The vote is taken and Bro. J. B. Ashcraft is elected Moderator, and J. W. Bivens re-elected Clerk. Rev. D. M. Austin moves that we elect a Treasurer by acclamation. On motion, Bro. C. A. Ashcraft is elected to that office.

On motion of Rev. D. M. Austin, the Association decides to meet at 9:30, a. m., adjourn at 12:30, p. m., for one hour, and in the evening at will.

By request of Rev. C. Durham, State Missions is made the special order for to-morrow, 11, a. m.

On motion, the following special orders are made:

Home Missions, to-morrow, 10, a. m.
Education, " 1:30, p. m.
Sunday Schools, " 3, p. m.
Ministerial Support, Saturday, 10:15, a. m.
Foreign Missions, " 11, a. m.
Periodicals, " 1:30, p. m.

Rev. C. Durham requests the Association to appoint a committee on Bible distribution and colportage to act in connection with the Sunday School and Mission Boards of the Baptist State Convention. On motion of Bro. H. F. Davis, Rev. D. M. Austin, Brethren O. C. Curlee and J. P. Horn are appointed on said committee. An invitation is extended to visiting brethren to seats with us. Rev. J. B. Richardson, from the Liberty Association, Rev. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, and Rev. A. C. Davis, Corresponding Messenger from the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association, are welcomed by the Moderator.

On motion, Association adjourns. Benediction by Rev. E. L. Davis.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, October 7th, 1887.

The Association meets at the appointed hour, and spends half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. A. C. Davis. Rev. C. Durham Reads the 23d Psalm. Rev. J. N. Stallings leads in prayer. The proceedings of yesterday are read and approved. Letters from Cane Creek, Benton's X Roads and Mt. Moriah are received and delegates enrolled.

The Moderator appoints the following committees:

On Finance—H. F. Davis, S. Ross, Henry Dry.

On Requests and Queries—J. A. Bivens, M. H. Lindsay, E. M. Griffin.

On Obituaries—T. G. Ervin, T. B. Phillips, V. T. Chears.

Visiting brethren are again invited to seats with us.

Bro. F. P. Hobgood, President of Oxford Female Seminary, Rev. J.

N. Stallings, President of Thomasville Female College, Bro. J. M. Liles, from the Pee Dee Association, Rev. C. S. Farriss, editor of the Biblical Recorder, and Bro. J. H. Mills, General Manager of the Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville, N. C., being present, are heartily welcomed by the Moderator.

The order for the hour being Home Missions, Bro. H. C. Moore reads a report. On motion of Rev. D. M. Austin, Bro. Farriss is requested to address us on that subject, who readily presents the claims of Home Missions. Bro. J. B. Richardson also speaks on the subject. The congregation sings, "Jesus lover of my soul." The report is adopted, as follows:

The Lord's command to the Apostles before his ascension was, "Go preach to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." That is, they were to be Home Missionaries first. The gospel was to begin in its elevating influences, at the homes of those preaching it; their cities, their towns, their land—Judea. Then all nations were to be sought. We have an agency in the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, that proposes to do just this work, in the cities, towns and destitute sections of our Southern country. During the past year it has employed 251 missionaries. Through the labors of these missionaries, 119 churches have been constituted, 62 houses of worship built, and a number of Sabbath Schools established. Our Master demands greater things of us during the next year. Religion is life, and life will cease without exercise.

Respectfully submitted, H. C. MOORE.

On motion of Bro. R. Redfearn, one brother is appointed in each church to present to his people the subject of Home Missions, and ask the brethren to contribute to its support. The Moderator appoints the following brethren in their respective churches: F. U. Ashcraft, Jas. W. Benton, G. W. Knight, A. Phifer, M. A. Helms, S. W. Bennett, A. Marsh, Jas. Long, W. C. West, D. A. Outen, J. W. Bivens, R. Redfearn, I. A. Clontz, C. Brantley, L. G. Parker, H. F. Davis, J. M. Griffin, M. C. King, W. S. Paxton, J. D. Boyd, J. P. Hill, W. J. Sutton, L. M. Riner.

The hour for State Missions has arrived. Rev. W. M. Johnson, the writer on this subject, is absent. Bro. Richardson gives some statistics of the State Mission work and leads in a discussion of the subject. Rev. C. Durham, in an earnest and eloquent address, appeals for aid for the State Mission Board.

The churches are called and pledges made for ensuing year, as follows: E. L. Davis, $5.00; Bethel, $5.00; Benton's X Roads, $2.00; Black Creek, $2.00; Cane Creek, $1.00; Deep Spring, $5.00; Ebenezer, $2.00; Faulk's, $5.00; Grove Spring, $3.00; Hopewell, $5.00; Macedonia, $3.00; Meadow Branch, $10.00; Monroe, $25.00; Mill Creek, $5.00; Mt. Moriah, $2.00; Mt. Pleasant, $2.00; New Hope, $3.00; Olive Branch, $5.00; Philadelphia, $5.00; Pleasant Hill, $2.00; Rocky Mount, $5.00; Shiloh, $4.00; Waxhaw, $15.00; New Salem, $5.00. Total amount, $126.00.

A cash collection for same object is taken, amounting to $27.20.

Rev. W. M. Johnson comes in and reads his report on State Missions.

Rev. A. C. Davis speaks on the subject. On motion, the report is adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

"I am at my wits end with the beginning of this report. The fact is, there has been so much written and said on this subject, there seems to be no need of anything more. From year to year we have a report with speech after speech. And not only report and speeches, but we have appeal after appeal through our weekly paper, together with many private letters; also many mission papers. All of these recommend and encourage this work; yet with all this the cry comes up, "Our missionaries are in great need; the work is very much embarrassed."

With these reflections what can I say to help on in this great work? I need not say the Bible calls upon you to help in this work, for you all admit this to be true. Have you ever asked, while on your knees, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do for the salvation of some poor soul?" We are made to feel glad when we hear what great things the Lord has done in the conversion of the thousands of souls. We have much to encourage us; new churches and Sunday-schools have been organized and meeting houses are being built. Brethren, let our motto be, "The State of North Carolina for Jesus and we ourselves His servants."

Respectfully submitted, W. M. JOHNSON.

Association adjourns for one hour. Benediction by Rev. J. N. Stallings.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Upon re-assembling, Bro. F. P. Hobgood reads Scripture and leads in prayer.

The subject of Education being the special order for the hour, Bro. Jas. Long reads a report. Upon motion to adopt, Rev. C. S. Farriss speaks in behalf of ministerial education; Rev. J. N. Stallings discusses the subject of general education; Bro. Hobgood makes statements in regard to Oxford Female Seminary; Rev. C. Durham speaks on ministerial education, followed by Rev. D. M. Austin, who appeals to the churches to do something for young ministers at Wake Forest.

The following amounts are pledged for ministerial education:

Bethel, $3.00; Benton's X Roads, $1.50; Cane Creek, per D. M. A., $1.00; Deep Spring, per D. M. A., $1.00; Ebenezer, $2.00; Faulk's, $1.00, Grove Spring, $2.00; Hopewell, $2.00; Macedonia, $1.00; Meadow Branch, $2.00; Monroe, $20.00; Mill Creek, $2.00; Mt. Moriah, $1.00; New Hope, per D. M. A., $1.00; Olive Branch, $1.50; Philadelphia, $4.00; Pleasant Hill, $1.00; Shiloh, $2.00; Waxhaw, $2.00; E. L. Davis, $1.00; R. P. Pigg, paid, $1; H. P. Rogers, paid, 25 cents. Total amount, $53.25.

The report is adopted.

EDUCATION.

I deem it unnecessary in a short report to attempt to discuss the advantages of an education, since we have them so abundantly exemplified on every hand. We only need to take a short review of the past to convince us of its magnanimous power for good. When ignorance prevailed the Baptists were comparatively an insignificant people; but since education has gained

the attention of the people and has been more generally diffused the Baptists have become a mighty people, not as the world counts might, but mighty in the power of God.

When we view the rapid strides which our people have made towards the acquirement of knowledge, and know of the great good it has done for us, it should inspire us with a greater zeal and to consecrate both head and heart to the promotion of this great medium of information, in order that there may be a more general promulgation of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus our Lord. We need an educated ministry, we need an educated laity, all of which may be had with injury to none, but to the purifying and strengthening of all, and not only this, but we should not overlook those precious jewels of our homes, which have not tasted the good Word of Grace; knowing that their school-days constitute the turning point in life, and that if we would train them for the glorification of their Creator, we must bring the proper influences to bear upon them and give them the proper training whilst in youth. We can hardly realize the importance of training the young, because in their hands rests not only their destiny, but also that of this great structure which their consecrated fathers have given their lives to build; hence we should feel a greater anxiety in regard to educating the young than ever before. There has already been much said and written in regard to education, but it has all failed to fully accomplish the end in view, and there is but one way to reach its accomplishment, and that is go to work; therefore, in conclusion, brethren, you see that there is but one way to bring that long prayed for day to hand, and that is in unity, to consecrate your whole energies upon it, deeming no sacrifice in its interest too great. Respectfully, JAS. LONG.

The report on Sunday Schools is called for. Rev. D. M. Austin moves that it be deferred until Sunday morning.

Rev. E. C. Williams, from the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association, is welcomed to a seat with us.

On motion, Association adjourns. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," is sung. Rev. E. C. Williams pronounces the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, October 8th, 1887.

The Association meets at the appointed hour. Rev. J. A. Bivens conducts religious exercises.

Rev. C. S. Farriss opens the business of the Association by reading Scripture. Rev. E. L. Davis leads in prayer. The proceedings of yesterday are read and approved. The Moderator appoints as committee on religious exercises, Rev. E. L. Davis, and Brethren S. A. Williams, J. C. Williams and J. W. Bivens.

The following are appointed writers for next session:

Foreign Missions—J. W. Griffin.

State Missions—W. T. Sinclair.

Ministerial Support—O. C. Curlee.

Periodicals—A. C. Baker.

Sunday Schools—J. L. Benton.

Temperance—S. W. Bennett.

Education—W. C. West.

Home Missions—J. C. Sikes.

Ministerial Education—R. Redfearn.

The Moderator appoints the following Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations:

To the Moriah—W. F. Little.

" " Mecklenburg and Cabarrus—J. A. Bivens.

" " South Yadkin—D. M. Austin.

" " Pee Dee—E. L. Davis.

" " York—J. L. Bennett.

" " Anson—D. A. Snider.

An invitation is extended to churches seeking admission into this Association to present their letters.

A letter is presented from New Salem church, which is placed in the hands of the following committee, appointed on church reception, viz.: R. Redfearn, J. L. Bennett and W. M. Johnson.

Rev. D. M. Austin moves that the regular order be suspended and we hear the report on Periodicals.

Bro. J. B. Ashcraft reads the following report:

PERIODICALS.

One of the greatest instrumentalities in our growth, as Baptists, has been the denominational press. It is independent; it knows no master save Christ.

We believe there is a more important part for it to play in the future than in the past. If the evangelization of the world and the discipline of the Baptist host for efficient service, and their development in spiritual life, be the work before us, and it is, then there was never greater need than at present for the powerful influence of the religious paper. And he who would help or lead in this great movement, whether minister or layman, must aid and use the press.

The Biblical Recorder, the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, is conservative and honest, has little use for the new theories and contends for the old principles of Baptist churches. Probably no paper in the United States has made for itself a nobler reputation as the champion of religious freedom, the advocate of mental and moral culture, and the defender of distinctive Baptist principles.

Among the other denominational papers in America, too numerous to mention, may be named the Religious Herald, of Richmond, Va., the Tennessee Baptist, the Examiner, of New York, and Kind Words.

The Baptist press of America is of a high order, and calculated to elevate and extend the churches of Christ. But this cannot be done unless the people read the papers. While the aggregate circulation is larger, yet it is not half what it should be. There are scores of people who have no religious paper, while a denominational paper is indispensable in every family. It is useless to plead poverty; all are able. It is worse to plead pressure of business and no time to read. There are things not to be neglected even for business, and among them the cultivation of the mind and heart. The religious press is one of the most important of aids to the accomplishment of this grand purpose. If the church is more important than

the world, and if eternal things are of more moment than temporal things, then at least one religious paper should be read and digested by every member of this Association. J. B. ASHCRAFT.

On motion to adopt, Revs. C. S. Farriss and E. L. Davis speak of the Biblical Recorder. Report is adopted. Congregation sings, "All hail the power of Jesus' name."

Bro. J. H. Mills is invited to speak on the work he represents. He responds in a very impressive manner; after which a cash collection is taken, amounting to $43.25.

Association adjourns for dinner. Benediction by Rev. J. N. Stallings.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bro. J. H. Mills reads Scripture and leads in prayer. Foreign Missions is taken up.

Bro. R. Redfearn reads a report and leads in discussion. Revs. A. C. Davis, J. N. Stallings and W. M. Johnson follow. The report is adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The last and great commission of our precious Saviour to His disciples was, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark xvi., 15. Without doubt do I say this commission is still binding on christians. That the field is white unto harvest no one denies.

Knowing this and at the same time remembering that men are standing with their sickles in hand ready for the reaping, will the Union Association do its duty in sending them? What is the answer of the 2433 Baptists of this Association? There are over one thousand millions of heathen and Mohammedans without the Gospel. They die thirty millions a year, and their number increases two million a year. Think of what we are doing in comparison with these stupendous facts. Are we not chargeable as a people with indifference to Foreign Missions, our contributions being so small? Each and every day these sad facts are testing the benevolence of us upon whom God has showered unlimited abundance. Then, in the name of Him who died to redeem a lost world, I invoke your aid in behalf of poor, dying-of-sin cursed men. Give liberally and freely. To do this, you remember, is exercising one of the most God-like faculties of your nature, and at the same time enjoying one of the most sublime luxuries of life. Think of your home and family greeting you with christian love, with the grace of God in their hearts; those dear little ones that encircle your neck in tender embrace; of the smiles that are halos of heaven, shedding sunshine of love on your face; then think of the poor lost souls in heathen lands. I know you will give according to your means, even as your Heavenly Guardian has given to you; not unwillingly, but with open hearts. He who has the means and will not aid in such a cause is not a man and has no right to wear the form. He should be sent back to nature's mint and re-issued, as a counterfeit on humanity of nature's baser metal.

Respectfully submitted, RANDOLPH REDFEARN.

Pledges to Foreign Missions:

Bethel, $3.00; Benton's X Roads, $2.00; Black Creek, $1.00; Cane Creek, $1.00; Deep Spring, $2.00; Ebenezer, $2.00; Faulks, $2.00; Hope-

well, $3.00; Macedonia, $3.00; Meadow Branch, $10.00; Monroe, $10.00; Mill Creek, $1.00; Mt. Pleasant, $1.00; New Hope, $1.00; Olive Branch, $2.00; Philadelphia, $2.00; Rocky Mount, $2.00; Shiloh, $2.00. Total amount, $50.00.

The reports on Ministerial Support and Temperance, as submitted by the writers, are, on motion, adopted without discussion.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: The report on Ministerial Support is so plainly written in the Bible I need not write. Support your preachers and you will have better preaching and more of it. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BIVENS.

TEMPERANCE.

When our minds turn to the subject of Temperance, it is a great surprise to us that so little interest has been manifested by either church or State on the subject. But thanks be to God, the giver of all good and perfect gifts, the people of church and State are now awakened and are awakening to the importance of the subject. The best talent of our country, backed, bouyed up, encouraged and even pressed by the saintly influence of our mothers, wives, sisters, and all the ladies of our country, have raised the battle flag with the motto emblazoned thereon in letters of gold, "Down with rum with all its attendant evils." God grant that their success may be complete, and their voices and supplications may echo and reverberate over hill and dale, until not a vestige of the accursed stuff remains to distract our otherwise glorious land and country and especially our churches.

Respectfully submitted, J. O. GRIFFIN.

"How firm a foundation," is sung.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The committee on Requests and Queries makes the following report, which is received:

Cane Creek church requests the sympathy of the Association; New Hope church desires the prayers of the body; Rocky Mount requests the prayers of the Association, and desires that the next annual meeting be held with her; Matthews church request a letter of dismission; Deep Spring church desires the prayers of the body; Monroe church respectfully requests that the next meeting be held with her; Pleasant Hill requests the prayers of the body, and asks aid in completing their house of worship; Mt. Pleasant and Olive Branch also petition for the next session of the Association.

J. A BIVENS,
E. M. GRIFFIN,
M. H. LINDSAY,
Committee.

The following report is received on Obituaries:

Your committee on Obituaries find on examination that God in his providence has removed from us during this Associational year twenty-one of our members. Respectfully submitted, V. T. CHEARS, Ch'm'n.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report:

Received for	State Missions,	$67.38.
"	" Home "	6.50.
"	" Foreign "	63.50.
"	" Baptist Orphanage,	2.63.
"	" Oxford Orphan Asylum,	1.75.
"	" Minute Fund,	36.50.
	Total,	$178.26.

Committee on Religious Exercises report that Rev. D. M. Austin will preach to-morrow at 11, a. m., in the church, and Rev. A. C. Davis, at same hour, in school house.

The committee on Church Reception makes the following report, which is adopted:

We, your committee, cannot recommend that the Association receive the church (New Salem) petitioning for membership, on account of some complaint on the part of Pleasant Plain church. We, your committee, suggest that the Association appoint a committee to investigate said complaint and report at your next regular meeting. Resp't submitted,

RANDOLPH REDFEARN, Ch'm'n.

The Moderator appoints the following brethren on said committee, viz.: J. W. Bivens, R. Redfearn and O. M. Sanders. On motion, Matthews church is granted a letter of dismission to join the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association. The Association decides to hold its next session with the church at Rocky Mount, beginning Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1888.

Rev. J. L. Bennett is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon.

The Treasurer reports having received $129.51 from Committee on Finance; and, on motion, is instructed to pay out the same to the different objects for which it was sent up.

The following brethren are appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention: Jas. Long, R. Redfearn, A. Marsh, J. W. Bivens, C. A. Ashcraft, D. A. Snider.

Rev. E. L. Davis reports having attended the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association and was cordially received.

J. W. Bivens offers the following resolution which is adopted:

Resolved, That instead of a committee on Obituaries we have a Historian appointed at each session, whose duty it shall be to make a report at the session following of whatever may be done among us during the year worthy of record; give sketches of the life and work of any of our prominent brethren or sisters whom the Lord may have called away, and such other information of an historical nature as may be of interest to us as an Association.

The Moderator appoints Rev. D. M. Austin Historian for the coming Associational year.

Rev. D. M. Austin offers the following, which is adopted:

We, the delegates of the Union Association, in session Oct. 6–8, 1887, hereby tender a vote of thanks to Meadow Branch church and community for their kind hospitality, and also to the Moderator and Clerk for their efficient and faithful service.

Rev. D. M. Austin moves that the Clerk be allowed $10 for his services.

On motion, the Clerk is instructed to have the Minutes printed at the ENQUIRER AND EXPRESS office, Monroe, N. C.

The following paper, presented by the ministers of the Association, is ordered to be appended to the Minutes:

We, the Ministers of the Union Association, beg leave to submit the following paper to the Association for consideration:

DEAR BRETHREN: We believe that one of our greatest needs is the cultivation and proper training of the children and youths under our supervision. They can only be useful and efficient as they have ability to do. We have been reliably informed that the owners of Rock Rest Academy will donate their house and grounds thereof to the Union Association, provided the Association will maintain a good school at the above named place. Rock Rest is located near the center of the Association, and is noted as a healthy and accessible point. And, further, the surrounding community is equal in morals, sociability and hospitality to any in the Association. We believe this to be a golden opportunity for the brethren of this body to establish for their children a school, permanent and useful. Our body now numbers about 2500 members. This would be an easy work for the brethren, if united and determined on it. We, the ministers of the Association, do most heartily commend this work to the brethren, with the assurance that we will prove ourselves faithful co-laborers in the work.

Rev. J. L. Bennett is appointed to conduct a Sunday School mass meeting to-morrow morning.

The proceedings of to-day are read and approved, and, on motion, Association adjourns. Benediction by Rev. D. M. Austin.

J. B. ASHCRAFT, MODERATOR.

J. W. BIVENS, CLERK.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

A Sunday-School Mass Meeting was held Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. L. Bennett. An essay on Sunday-Schools, prepared by Bro. B. F. Rollins, was read; and short speeches made on the subject by Revs. E. L. Davis, W. M. Johnson and J. L. Bennett, and Brethren J. W. Griffin, H. E. Copple and J. W. Bivens. After a short intermission, Rev. D. M. Austin preached in the Church from Isaiah, LIII.: 10: "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him." Rev. A. C. Davis preached in the School House at the same hour. Text, Gal. II: 20: "And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." A collection was taken for Foreign Missions, amounting to $14.13.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Ch. Expenses.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions	Baptist Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.
Bethel	$ 50 00	$	$ 5 00	$6 10	$5 80	$2 00	$ 14 90	$ 1 50
Benton's X Roads	.....	9 00	1 50	2 00	....	.....	.....	1 00
Black Creek	50 00	8 00	1 00	1 00	....	.....	.....	1 65
Cane Creek	23 50	8 00	1 00	1 00	....	.....	.....	50
Deep Sring	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	....	.....	.....	1 25
Ebenezer	40 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	1 20	1 20	.....	1 10
Faulks	35 00	6 25	5 00	2 00	1 50	.....	.....	1 50
Grove Spring	40 00	.....	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Hopewell	100 00	17 50	5 00	3 00	.....	.....	2 75	2 15
Liberty Hill	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 50
Macedonia	45 00	9 50	3 00	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	1 50
Matthews	240 00	16 00	5 00	5 00	5 08	7 25	15 00	.....
Meadow Branch	85 00	200 00	10 00	10 00	4 38	....	8 89	3 00
Monroe	800 00	101 00	25 00	10 00	5 00	12 50	2000 00	2 50
Mill Creek	.....	.....	5 00	2 50	. ...	.....	.....	2 00
Mt. Moriah	30 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Mt. Pleasant	.....	.....	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Hew Hope	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	.....	1 00
Olive Branch	.....	20 50	5 00	2 00	2 00	....	6 40	2 00
Philadelphia	50 00	100 00	4 00	1 00	.....	....	.....	2 00
Pleasant Plain	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	1 50
Pleasant Hill	25 00	375 00	1 00	3 00	5 00	....	5 00	1 00
Rocky Mount	.....	.....	2 00	5 00	.....	....	.....	1 50
Shiloh	.....	14 00	2 00	2 00	.....	....	.....	1 20
Waxhaw	69 20	7 50	15 38	10 00	10 00	....	.....	1 15
	1682 70	900 25	106 88	76 60	46 08	23 95	2052 94	$36 00

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. of Scholars	Officers and Teachers.	Average attendance.	Kind Words taken.	Teachers taken.	Other Papers.	Months open.	Contributions.
W. B. Marsh, Beaver Dam	22	5	16	....	..	35	11	$ 8 75
J. W. Benton, Unionville.	55	6	35	52	..	1	6	3 49
T. R. Mangum, Irvington.	80	10	50	25	..	...	12	6 00
H. J. Rollins, Waterloo...	30	4	25	....	..	...	9	.....
M. F. Phifer, Lanesboro..	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	.....
G. W. Baucom, Monroe..	46	5	30	....	..	55	12	6 01
S. Ross, Monroe.....	70	8	60	50	..	...	11	5 00
J. F Hamilton, BeaverDam	40	5	35	....	..	43	5	2 15
R. Pope, Oak Grove.....	69	5	35	....	5	75	3	.....
Eli Walden, Zoar.....	40	8	25	....	..	...	5	.....
A. C. Baker, Monroe.....	30	5	25	15	..	...	8	3 50
T. G. Ervin, Matthews...	65	12	48	....	5	...	12	27 25
J. C. Williams, Monroe..	67	8	45	45	..	15	11	6 20
D. M. Austin, Monroe....	170	11	125	10	60	185	12	68 75
.....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	.....
J. D. Dees, Brown Creek.	130	8	100	....	..	...	7	4 00
L. G. Parker, Lanes Creek	48	8	30	22	..	...	12	2 00
.....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	.....
W T. Sinclair, OliveBranch	115	5	50	...	..	60	9	1 00
M. C. King, Lanes Creek.	40	5	30	20	..	...	12	.....
.....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	.....
J. D. Boyd, Olive Branch	45	6	20	30	..	45	..	1 85
.....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	.....
F. M. Sutton, Monroe...	70	....	70	....	..	....	9	.....
J. J. Godfrey, Adams Mill	34	6	42	....	..	20	12	9 35
	1266	130	896	269	70	543	..	$161 21

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	Sabbath of Preaching.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Male Members.	Female Members.	Total Membership.
Bethel	J. A. Bivens	S. D. Moore, Beaver Dam, N. C.	4	1	..	1	2	..	..	20	30	50
Benton's X Roads	Bennett and Snider.	D. C. Trull, Raywood, "	2	11	1	..	6	..	..	28	32	60
Black Creek	W. F. Little	J. A. Sanders, Irvington, S. C.	2	12	3	1	3	2	..	31	50	81
Cane Creek	S. J. Rowell	M. J. Rollins, Waterloo, N. C.	2	1	2	..	..	3	..	16	13	29
Deep Sring	R. T. Caudle	E. H. Blackwell, Lanesboro, "	2	5	..	4	..	1	..	27	43	70
Ebenezer	J. A. Bivens	H. W. Pusser, Monroe, "	3	2	1	..	1	1	1	25	29	54
Faulks	Bennett and Snider..	S. W. Bennett, Monroe, "	1	8	2	1	1	3	1	55	93	148
Grove Spring	Snider and Marsh...	J. H. Gardner, Richardson's Creek, "	3	16	2	..	..	..	1	32	43	75
Hopewell	Bennett and Snider..	W. L. Biggers, Long's Store, "	1	3	..	..	4	1	1	47	63	110
Liberty Hill	W. F. Little	H. W. Funderburk, Zoar, "	1	9	3	5	..	1	3	38	53	91
Macedonia	J. L. Bennett	D. A. Outen, Monroe, "	3	....	1	..	..	3	..	14	33	47
Matthews	J. B. Richardson...	M. H. Lindsay, Matthews, "	3	4	7	1	3	..	..	46	70	116
Meadow Branch	E. L. Davis	H. C. Moore, Monroe, "	2	19	6	2	7	1	2	80	136	216
Monroe	D. M. Austin	O. C. Curlee, Monroe, "	Each	21	2	..	2	..	4	53	119	172
Mill Creek	D. A. Snider	T. F. James, Monroe, "	3	7	4	..	10	7	1	53	77	130
Mt. Moriah	J. W. Little	P. H. Mills, Hornsboro, S. C.	1	....	2	1	2	..	1	21	18	39
Mt. Pleasant	Bennett and Snider..	J. M. Funderburk, Wolf Pond, N. C.	2	5	2	1	5	2	..	30	34	64
Hew Hope	A. Marsh	A. G. Mullis, Gibraltar, "	1	3	..	..	2	..	..	11	19	30
Olive Branch	J. L. Bennett	H. T. Baucom, Olive Branch, "	4	8	3	..	4	..	3	79	118	197
Philadelphia	D. A. Snider	V. T. Chears, Brown Creek, "	4	12	2	2	7	..	1	65	140	205
Pleasant Plain*	E. C. Williams	W. S. Paxton, Matthews, "	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	14	29	43
Pleasant Hill	T. B. Phillips	J. W. Burmingham, Olive Branch, "	1	11	..	..	1	2	1	38	77	115
Rocky Mount	.....	J. M. Broadaway, Goodman's "	.....	20	..	1	5	..	..	21	41	62
Shiloh	D. M. Austin	F. M. Sutton, Monroe, "	1	2	4	..	6	3	1	36	52	88
Waxhaw	J. A. Bivens	S. T. Adams, Adams Mill, "	2	5	2	..	..	1	..	54	96	150
				185	49	20	71	31	21	934	1508	2442

*Statistics of 1886

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

J. A. BIVENS, Moderator,.....Richardson Creek, N. C.
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V. T. CHEARS, Treasurer,.....Brown Creek, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Rev. D. M. Austin, H. E. Copple, D. A. Outen.

ORDAINED MINISTERS ACTIVELY ENGAGED:

Austin, D. M.,.....Monroe, N. C.
Bennett, J. L.,..... " "
Bivens, J. A.,.....Richardson Creek, "
Caudle, R. T.,.....Lanesboro, "
Davis, E. L.,.....Olive Branch, "
Davis, A. C.,.....Oak Grove, "
Little, W. F.,.....Zoar, "
Little, J. W.,..... " "
Marsh, A.,.....Monroe, "
Phillips, T. B.,.....Olive Branch, "
Snider, D. A.,.....Beaver Dam, "

PROCEEDINGS.

ROCKY MOUNT BAPTIST CHURCH, ANSON COUNTY, N. C.,
Friday, Oct. 12th, 1888.

The Union Baptist Association meets with the church at this place in its Thirty-Fourth Annual Session.

Inclemency of the weather prevented an organization of the Association on Thursday.

Rev. J. L. Bennett, appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, is absent.

By request the Introductory is preached by Rev. R. H. James. Text: "O, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together." Ps. 34:3.

The Moderator is absent. Rev. J. A. Bivens moves that Rev. A. Marsh act as Moderator, pro. tem.

Brethren V. T. Chears and H. E. Copple read letters from churches, and names of delegates are enrolled as follows:

Bethel—J. B. Ashcraft*, B. C. Ashcraft*, S. D. Moore.

Benton's X Roads—J. M. Benton, Jas. Benton, J. T. Griffin.

Black Creek—G. M. Knight*, J. C. Knight*, R. P. Pigg*.

Cane Creek—S. J. Rowell*, R. J. Rollins, M. J. Rollins.

Deep Spring—Not represented.

Ebenezer—S. H. Pyron, Milas Helms*, J. E. Rowel.

Faulks—D. A. Snider, S. D. Griffin*, S. M. Parker*.

†*Grove Spring*—H. B. Griffin, S. A. Stegall, J. H. Gardner.

Hopewell—R. Pope, T. E. Long, A. W. Biggers.

Liberty Hill—E. B. Walden*, H. W. Funderburk, T. S. Presson.

Macedonia—D. A. Outen, W. E. Funderburk, T. B. Hargett*.

Meadow Branch—E. L. Davis, J. W. Bivens, N. W. Bivens.

Monroe—J. E. W. Austin*, E. M. Griffin*, R. Redfearn.

Mill Creek—W. M. Sell, J. C. Griffin, C. H. Braswell*.

Mt. Moriah—Not represented.

Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.

New Hope—H. F. Davis, J. L. Williams*, J. B. Brantley*.

Olive Branch—C. T. Bailey, G. W. Baucom, B. F. Staton.

Philadelphia—J. G. Gullege, J. F. Carelock, V. T. Chears.

Pleasant Plain—Not represented.

Pleasant Hill—Jno. Burmingham, J. M. Burmingham, George Russell.

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*Absent. †Name changed to Beaver Dam.

Rocky Mt.—W. H. Parker, Josiah Aldridge, J. C. Nance.
Shiloh—J. S. Baucom*, J. W. Pittman, Marion Pressley.
Waxhaw—J. H. Godfrey, W. J. McGuirt*, L. M. Riner*.
Oak Grove—O. Rogers.

Election of officers being next in order, the ballot is taken which results in the election of Rev. J. A. Bivens, Moderator.

At this point, letters from Monroe and Faulks are received and read.

Rev. D. M. Austin moves to suspend the rules and elect a Clerk by acclamation. On motion, J. W. Bivens is re-elected Clerk, and Bro. V. T. Chears elected Treasurer.

On motion, the Association adjourns for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembles. Rev. D. A. Snider reads 2d Psalm and leads in prayer.

Upon invitation for churches seeking membership in this body to present their letters, Oak Grove, a newly constituted church, presents a letter asking admittance. A committee, consisting of Revs. D. M. Austin, D. A. Snider and T. B. Phillips, is appointed to inquire into the orthodoxy of said church.

The Moderator appoints the following committees:

On Finance—V. T. Chears, T. E. Long, S. D. Moore.

On Requests and Queries—D. A. Snider, R. Redfearn, J. E. Rowel.

Corresponding messengers from sister Associations are invited to seats. None present. Rev. R. H. James, from the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association, reports as a visiting brother and is cordially received.

The committee, appointed at last session, in regard to the reception of New Salem church, make the following report, which is received and committee discharged:

We, your committee, appointed to investigate the complaint on the part of Pleasant Plain church against New Salem, petitioning for membership in this Association, make the following report: That New Salem church holds as a member and a paster Rev. H. B. King, he having been excluded from Pleasant Plain church.

R. REDFEARN,
J. W. BIVENS,
Committee.

By permission the petition of said church for membership is withdrawn through her delegates.

Rev. J. A. Bivens reports having been cordially received in the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association as a visitor,

and found it a working body.

The committee on church reception makes the following report:

We, your committee, have examined the letter sent by the church at Oak Grove, and, as we believe, they are orthodox and will support our boards: therefore, we commend them to your fellowship.

D. M. AUSTIN,
D. A. SNIDER,
T. B. PHILLIPS,
Committee.

The report is adopted and hand of fellowship extended to the delegate, Rev. O. Rogers, by the Moderator.

The writer on Ministerial Support is absent. Bro. R. Redfearn is requested to prepare and submit a report. The subject is discussed by Revs. O. Rogers, D. M. Austin, R. H. James, and Brethren R. Pope and V. T. Chears. On motion, the report is left over until to-morrow.

The subject of Periodicals is taken up. The writer appointed is absent. Rev. T. B. Phillips is requested to prepare a report on this subject. Rev. D. M. Austin represents the "Recorder," and solicits subscribers.

On motion, the subject of Sunday Schools is deferred until Sunday morning, and that of Temperance omitted for want of time.

Rev. D. M. Austin is appointed to prepare an article on State Missions.

Bro. S. D. Moore moves to meet to-morrow at 9:30 o'clock, adjourn at 12:15 for dinner, re-assemble at 1, and adjourn in the evening at will.

Association adjourns. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," is sung. Benediction by Rev. D. M. Austin.

SATURDAY, Oct. 13th, 1888.

Association meets at appointed hour. Rev. D. M. Austin reads 103 Psalm and leads in prayer. Association is called to order by the Moderator. Minutes of yesterday are read, corrected and approved.

Letters from Liberty Hill and Cane Creek are read.

Visiting brethren are invited to seats.

Bro. J. H. Mills, from the Orphanage Association, and Bro. E. F. Edins, from the Pee Dee Association, are cordially invited to take part in our deliberations.

Bro. R. Redfearn being called upon, reads the following report upon Ministerial Support, which is adopted:

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

It is generally known that ministers get more empty compliments than dollars and cents. In 1 Cor., 9:14, we find these words: "Even so hath

the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." And by reference to 1 Cor., 9:7-11, Luke 10:7, Romans 15:27, and Acts 28:10, we find passages equally as plain in regard to our duty toward the support of our ministers. Then carefully consider these passages; at the same time remembering that Charity is the chief of all the graces. Then I think you will give in proportion as your Heavenly Guardian has given you. Respectfully submitted, RANDOLPH REDFEARN.

On Ministerial Education, Bro. R. Redfearn, appointed at last session to write on this subject, reads a report, which, after discussion by the writer, Revs. O. Rogers and D. M. Austin, is adopted.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Baptists believe that only those whom God has called to the work should be allowed to preach, and that one whom God has called should not be hindered from preaching. They believe, too, that the same voice carries with it a call to prepare for preaching, or at least prepare himself as fully as possible. The duty of the preacher is to teach; to unfold to the people God's Word. How can he teach that he has never learned? In Rev. 22:18-19, John pronounces God's curse upon him who shall add to or take away from the Book. We all agree that whatever in the Book of books once stands good, stands forever. Then the minister is not to bring a new message, but to explain and enforce that which was long ago brought to men in the sacred volume. There are many studies that are positively necessary. All knowledge can be made useful to the minister. Such training as is given in the schools is absolutely necessary. His calling is worthy of the thorough training of the human intellect, and then he will fall far short of proclaiming the blessed truth of Jesus Christ. Admitting this importance, then readily follows the absolute necessity of aiding the young men studying for the ministry. The Board of Education at Wake Forest are helping several young ministers. The good people all over North Carolina are aiding in this important work. We should do our part. The Baptists of this Association should give at least enough to this work, which stands without a peer, to enable them to compare favorably with any other Association in North Carolina. R. REDFEARN.

Pending the discussion, the following pledges are made for Ministerial Education:

Bethel, $2; Benton's X Roads, $2; Beaver Dam, $2; Cane Creek, $1; Ebenezer, $2; Faulks, by D. M. Austin, $2; Hopewell, $2; Liberty Hill, $1; Macedonia, $2; Meadow Branch, $4; Monroe, per D. M. A., $20; Pleasant Hill, $1; Rocky Mt., $2; Shiloh, $2; H. F. Davis, $1; B. F. Staton, pd. $1; C. T. Bailey, pd. $1; V. T. Chears, $1; J. F. Carelock, $1. Total, $50.

The subject of Periodicals, left over from yesterday, is taken up. Rev. T. B. Phillips reads the following report:

PERIODICALS.

The liberty that we enjoy as a nation gives us the right of freedom of speech and of the press. Tyrants are always afraid of this liberty, because they dread discussion, as they cannot bear that the truth be made known. Then if the Press is instrumental in sustaining our liberty, and promoting our peace and happiness as a nation, it is an undeniable fact that our De-

nominational Press is necessary in sustaining our christian liberty and promoting our cause as Baptists. If we will notice the arrivals of our daily mails, we can see at once the large amount of trashy literature that is flooding our country. A large per cent. of this literature is erroneous in its nature, and poisonous to the minds of those that read it. Hence the great need of our religious papers. We have an essay submitted to us on this subject at every annual session of this Association, and why is it that so few of the brethren take and read our religious papers? I will leave this question for the brethren to answer for themselves. When we look at our surroundings we are compelled to say that there never was greater need than at present for the powerful influence of our denominational papers. Then let us as an Association make stronger efforts than ever before to give our religious papers an extensive circulation, that there may be found at least one of our papers in every household in the boundaries of our work. In order to do this, I would advise our committees on Colportage to make the distribution of our denominational papers a special feature of their work. We have several papers published that I can heartily recommend to the brethren; most especially the "Biblical Recorder," the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina; also the "Gospel Herald," edited by Rev. C. Durham and published monthly by the Boards of the N. C. Baptist State Convention. This paper is devoted to the Mission Cause and can be obtained in clubs of 25 at the small sum of 20c. per annum. Brethren, let us seriously meditate upon this subject, and lay hold of it with renewed energy and then we may feel assured that the reports in our church letters at next session will show an increased interest in our denominational work.

Respectfully submitted, T. B. PHILLIPS.

On motion, the report is adopted.

State Missions, which has been left over for the arrival of Bro. Durham, is now taken up.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We have reasons to believe the Lord is in our State Mission work from the blessings He has bestowed upon it. If we consult the Bible we find that the imperative command to the servants of our Lord was to preach the gospel to all; but to begin the work at Jerusalem. This is order enough for our State Mission work. As it seems to me our other work is largely dependent on our home efforts. As our interests at home increase so will our desires to send the gospel abroad be enlarged. I do not believe any church can be fully pleasing to our Master without enlisting in State Missions. Our State abounds in destitution, and especially so far as our distinctive tenets of the gospel are held. We ought to have enough of the love of our Lord to desire every individual in our State to hear the gospel we hold and love. We need liberalizing in the spirit of our Master. We can only reach it by large sacrifice and earnest efforts. Respectfully submitted,

D. M. AUSTIN.

Rev. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, discusses the subject at some length. Cash contributions to the work for this year: Rev. J. A. Bivens and Rev. A. Marsh, each, $1; J. W. Bivens, H. W. Funderburk, N. W. Bivens, H. E. Copple, J. F. Carelock, each, 50c.; Mamie Goodman, 26c.; D. A. Snider, J. W. Griffin, S. D. Moore, T. F. Long, J. W. Curlee, T. B. Phillips, J. C. Goodman, B. F. Staton, C. T. Bailey, Isaiah McIntyre, R. J. Rollins, J. E. Rowel, Sarah Burns, J. M. Burmingham and J. A.

Thomkins, each, 25c. Rev. D. M. Austin pledged $2; V. T. Chears, $1. Total, $11.51.

The churches are called, and delegates pledge themselves to "try to raise" the following amounts during the next Associational year, for State Missions:

Bethel, $5.00; Benton's X Roads, $1.00; Cane Creek, $1.00; Deep Spring, $5.00; Ebenezer, paid, $2.00; Beaver Dam, $2.00; Hopewell, $3.00; Liberty Hill, paid, 50 cts.; Macedonia, $3.00; Meadow Branch, $12.00; Monroe, $25.00; Mill Creek, $2.00; Mt. Moriah, $2.00; Mt. Pleasant, $2.00; New Hope, $2.00; Philadelphia, $5.00; Pleasant Hill, $1.00; Rocky Mt., $5.00; Shiloh, $2.00; Waxhaw, paid, $4.20. Total amount $84.70.

Association adjourns. Benediction by Rev. R. H. James.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. J. W. Griffin reads 8th Psalm, and leads in prayer. The delegates from Mill Creek present a letter from their church, which is read.

Rev. J. W. Griffin reads a report on Foreign Missions. On motion to adopt the report, the subject is discussed by the writer, followed by Rev. R. H. James, Bro. R. Redfearn and Rev. D. A. Snider. The report is adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Mishions originated in the apostolic age. Read Acts 13th. Obligations to promote missions are numerous. Every claim that humanity has upon us creates an obligation. In Matt. 28:18-19, and Mark 16:15-16, we find Christ's great commission to His church. This, if binding on one christian, is binding on all. The heathen world is under sin, and without the gospel, must perish. Baptists give proof of their Apostolic origin in obeying this great command. They are the pioneers in missionary work. Some Baptist churches, it is true, have imbibed the anti-mission spirit, and have refused to engage in the work of giving the gospel to the heathen. But such are gradually dying out, and their final death is only a question of time. The Southern Baptists have missions in Northeastern and Southeastern China, in Western Africa, in Italy, in Brazil and in Mexico. They have 114 missionaries at work—native and foreign. Five years ago they gave to the work about $45,000; last year $83,000. How much did Union Association give? We are not doing our duty to our fellowmen nor to our Lord. Nine-tenths of the contributions to Foreign Missions is given by one-tenth of the members, while only one-half of the membership give anything. The average amount per member is 50 cts. a year, only the seventh part of a cent a day for the conversion of a thousand million of heathens! Ninety-eight per cent. of the church contributions for religious purposes is spent at home, while two per cent. is applied to Foreign Missions. There are 75,000 ministers in the United States, or one to about every 600 persons, while only one is allotted to half a million in heathen lands. There are 1,500 counties in China without a single missionary. Read Romans 10:15. One thousand million souls are dying without Christ, at the rate of 100,000 a day. What will Union Association do to rescue the perishing souls? Let us remember, "The light that shines farthest, shines brightest nearest home." Respectfully submitted; J. W. GRIFFIN.

Pledges for Foreign Missions for year 1889:

Bethel, $3; Benton's X Roads, $1; Beaver Dam, $3; Ebenezer, pd. $2; Faulks, $2; Hopewell, $3; Macedonia, $3; Meadow Branch, $10; Monroe, $10; Mill Creek, $2; Mt. Moriah, $1; New Hope, $1; Philadelphia, $2; Pleasant Hill, $1; Rocky Mount, $2; Shiloh, $2; Waxhaw, pd. $10.70; B. F. Staton, $1; C. T. Bailey, $1.

J. W. Bivens offers the following resolution, which is adopted:

WHEREAS, It is the purpose of our Home Mission Board to supply the destitute points in our own Southern land, and meet with the true gospel of salvation, the many false theories of religion that are prevalent; therefore

Resolved, That this body, in full sympathy with the work, appoint one active Brother in each church to present the claims of the Home Mission Board, and ask his brethren to contribute to that object.

The following are appointed to represent Home Missions in their respective churches:

Bethel—F. U. Ashcraft, Beaver Dam, N. C.; Benton's X Roads—Jas. W. Benton, Unionville; Beaver Dam—A. Marsh, Rock Rest; Cane Creek—B. F. Rollins, Rock Rest; Deep Spring—Alex Phifer, Beaver Dam; Ebenezer—S. H. Pyron, Raywood; Faulks—S. Ross, Monroe; Hopewell—W. L. Biggers, Long's Store; Liberty Hill—H. W. Funderburk, Zoar; Macedonia—D. A. Outen, Monroe; Meadow Branch—J. W. Bivens, Ames; Monroe—J. C. Fletcher, Monroe; Mill Creek—I. A. Clontz, Monroe; Mt. Moriah—C. Brantley, Brown Creek; Mt. Pleasant—L. G. Parker, Lanes Creek; New Hope—J. W. Pritchard, Gibraltar; Olive Branch—B. F. Staton, Olive Branch; Philadelphia—M. C. King, Lanes Creek; Pleasant Plain—W. S. Paxton, Matthews; Pleasant Hill—J. B. Nash, Olive Branch; Rocky Mount—S. J. Turner, Goodman; Shiloh—Marshall Helms, Monroe; Waxhaw—Jas. H. Godfrey, Adams Mill; Oak Grove—O. Rogers, Winchester.

There is no report made on Education; but the subject is ably dicussed by Profs. E. F. Edins, of Palmersville, H. E. Copple, of Rock Rest, J. A. Thomkins, of Rocky River Springs, Rev. R. H. James and Rev. E. L. Davis.

Rev. D. M. Austin, the Historian, is called upon for a report. As the churches have communicated nothing to him during the year of an historical nature, he can make no definite report.

The Moderator appoints the following writers for next session:

On Foreign Missions, B. C. Ashcraft.

On State Missions, H. E. Copple.

On Ministerial Support, S. T. Adams.
On Periodicals, J. L. Bennett.
On Education, T. B. Phillips.
On Home Missions, A. B. Caudle.
Baptist Orphanage, A. C. Davis.
Historian, Rev. D. M. Austin.

The following are appointed to visit Sister Associations as corresponding messengers: Mecklenburg and Cabarrus, —D. A. Snider and E. L. Davis; Moriah—Jas. Little and V. T. Chears; South Yadkin—S. T. Adams and J. H. Godfrey; Pee Dee—Rev. J. L. Bennett; Anson— J. M. Broadaway and S. J. Turner; Stanly—H. F. Davis and R. Pope.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention—R. Redfearn, A. Marsh, T. B. Phillips, D. A. Snider, E. M. Griffin, J. C. Sikes.

On motion, Rev. D. M. Austin is appointed a delegate to the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Rev. E. L. Davis reports having visited the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association and was cordially received.

The following report from the committee on Requests and Queries is received:

"We, your committee, report the following: Black Creek desires a letter of dismission from this Association to join the Moriah.

Mill Creek, Philadelphia, Pleasant Hill, each request this Association to hold its next session with them.

D. A. SNIDER,
R. REDFEARN,
J. E. ROWEL,
Committee.

Rev. D. M. Austin moves that Black Creek be granted a letter of dismission.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report:

Received for	Ministerial Education,	$24.87
"	State Missions,	44.00
"	Associational Missions,	6.00
"	Foreign Missions,	33.50
"	Home Missions,	13.16
"	Baptist Orphanage,	3.12
"	Minute Fund,	27.11
	Total	$151 76

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

On motion the Association decides to hold its next session with the church at Philadelphia. Rev. D. M. Austin is appointed to preach the introductory sermon.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Rec'd of Finance Com.			for Ministerial Education,.....	$24 87
"	"	"	for State Missions,.....	44 00
"	"	"	for Associational Missions,.....	6 00
"	"	"	for Foreign Missions,.....	33 50
"	"	"	for Home Missions,.....	13 16
"	"	"	for Baptist Orphanage,.....	3 12
"	"	"	" Minute Fund,.....	27 11
Rec'd of Clerk			for Ministerial Education,.....	2 00
"	"		for Foreign Missions,.....	14 70
			Grand Total.....	$168 46

Respectfully submmitted, V. T. CHEARS, Treas.

On motion the Treasurer is instructed to pay out the money on hand to the different objects for which it was paid in.

Rev. D. M. Austin moves that $10.00 be paid the Clerk for his services, and the remainder of Minute fund be placed in hands of Clerk to be spent for the printing of Minutes.

On motion of Bro. R. Redfearn, the action in regard to place of meeting is reconsidered. The vote is again taken which results as before.

Bro. R. Redfearn offers the following resolution of thanks, which is unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their most efficient service, and to the community for their kind hospitality.

On motion, the Association adjourns to meet with the church at Philadelphia, 12 miles south of Beaver Dam, on Thursday before 2nd Sunday in Oct., 1889.

While singing "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, the brethren take the parting hand. The closing prayer is offered by Bro. J. H. Mills.

J. A. BIVENS, Moderator.

J. W. BIVENS, Clerk.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

A Sunday School mass-meeting is opened at 10 o'clock by Rev. D. M. Austin.

Interesting speeches are made by Rev. D. M. Austin, Bro. R. Redfearn and Bro. E. F. Edins. Arrangement having been made to give Bro. J. H. Mills the hour of 11 in the interest

of the Orphanage, a large congregation assembles to hear him. Rev. E. L. Davis leads in prayer. Bro. Mills reads several passages of Scripture, and makes an impressive talk on Christian Charity. A collection is taken for the Orphanage, amounting to $8.67. Bro. Mills also secures a large number of subscribers to "Charity and Children," an excellent little paper published weekly by, and in the interest of the Orphanage Association at one dollar a year.

Financial Exhibit.

CHURCHES.	Pastors' Salary.	Ch. Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions	Asso. Missions	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Total Contributions.
	$	$	$ 3 00	$ 5	$	$ 3	$ 5 25	$	$ 8 26	$ 1 25	$ 25 76
Bethel		5 55	1 50	2		2				1 00	57 05
Benton's X Roads	45		2 00	3			3			1 75	534 75
Beaver Dam		525	32	2		1					45 92
Black Creek	40	2 60		1	1 00	1				50	104 50
Cane Creek	33 50	67 50									
Deep Spring			2 00	2		2	1 20		1 25	1 00	49 40
Ebenezer	40		1 00	5	1 50	2			4 85	2 00	56 35
Faulks	40		2 05	5		3	1 36	1 35	23 40	2 11	138 27
Hopewell	100	7	50	1		1				1 00	10 50
Liberty Hill			1 00	3		3		1 39	5 40	1 00	58 79
Macedonia	44	8 40	2 00	11		10½	5	3	24 50	3 00	169 40
Meadow Branch	102	3009 44	20 00	25		10	5	18 10		2 00	3883 54
Monroe	800		2 00	5		1				1 05	9 05
Mill Creek											
Mount Moriah				2		1					43 00
Mount Pleasant	40	19 99	50	3						1 00	24 48
New Hope										50	50
Oak Grove				5		2			26 82	1 50	86 82
Olive Branch	50	25	4 00		5 00	2				2 00	98 00
Philadelphia	60								3 00	1 15	7 15
Pleasant Plain			1 00	2						1 50	8 50
Pleasant Hill				5		2				80	108 80
Rocky Mount		10	2 00	4		2				1 00	79 48
Shiloh	90	16 77	2 00	15			2 85	2 36			
Waxhaw	39 50										
	1524 00	3691 24	48 37	106	7 50	48¾	23 66	26 20	97 48	28 11	5600 01

Statistical Table.

Sunday-Schools.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Sab. of Preaching	Baptised.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Male Members.	Female Members.	Total Membership.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. of Scholars.	Offi. & Teachers.	Av. Attendance.	No. Papers and Lesson helps tak'n	No. mouths open.	Contributions.
Bethel	A. Marsh	S. D. Moore	4	3	1		6			18	31	49	W. B. Marsh	20	4	15	29	10	$ 2 92
Benton's X Roads	J. L. Bennett	D. C. Trull	2	16	7				2	38	44	82	J. W. Benton	50	7	35	60	9	8 10
Beaver Dam	D. A. Snider	J. H. Gardner	3	10	7	1			1	42	51	93	G. W. Stegall	45	7	38	....	6	5 00
Black Creek	W. F. Little	W. M. Collins	2	4	1		5	2		31	50	81	T. R. Mangum	50	7	30	20	9	.....
Cane Creek	A. Marsh	M. J. Rollins	2	5	1			1		17	17	34	B. B. Rollins	28	7	25	....	4	68
Deep Spring	.....	.....	....							27	43	70	.....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Ebenezer	J. A. Bivens	H. W. Pusser	3	4			1			27	29	56	G. W. Baucom	36	7	28	40	9	3 54
Faulks	J. L. Bennett	J. W. Snider	1	15			2		1	65	95	160	S. Ross	45	7	30	40	9	8 25
Hopewell	J. A. Bivens	W. L. Biggers	1	6	4	1	4	3		49	65	114	R. Pope	96	5	67	125	8	19 31
Liberty Hill	W. F. Little	H W Funderburk	1	7	2	3	2	4	3	39	60	99	E. B. Walden	60	7	40	17	6	2 15
Macedonia	J. A. Bivens	D. A. Outen	4	4	1	2	1		1	19	31	50	J. W. Outen	37	7	25	44	9	4 20
Meadow Branch	E. L. Davis	H. C. Moore	2	8	4		8		1	81	138	219	J. C. Williams	73	8	47	31	11	7 59
Monroe	D. M. Austin	O. C. Curlee	each	9	7	2	12	8	2	45	107	152	R. Redfearn	132	13	86	245	12	69 33
Mill Creek	D. A. Snider	T. F. James	3	12	5	2	4	2		56	82	138	.....	...	...	...	....	..	.....
Mt. Moriah	.....	.....	....							21	18	39	.....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Mt. Pleasant	J. A. Saunders	J M Funderburk	2	2	3	2	1	1		33	37	70	J. A. Saunders	59	8	45	26	7	1 25
New Hope	A. Marsh	A. J. Mullis	1	6		1				12	24	36	.....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Oak Grove	J. L. Bennett	O. Rogers	1	5	2					4	6	10	.....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Olive Branch	E. L. Davis	H. F. Baucom	4	22	5		5	5	3	84	124	208	J. O. Griffin	98	6	37	....	9	7 76
Philadelphia	D. A. Snider	V. T. Chears	4	15	4		7	7		71	144	215	M. C. King	30	5	25	20	9	.....
Pleasant Plain	.....	.....	....							14	29	43	.....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Pleasant Hill	T. B. Phillips	J M Burmingham	1				1	1	3	30	73	103	J. D. Boyd	....	6	...	55	..	.....
Rocky Mount	C. C. Farmer	J. M. Broadaway	4		3		2	2		20	43	63	.....	....	....	....	....	..	.....
Shiloh	D. M. Austin	F. Sutton	1	1	2		4	4		33	48	81	L. M. Helms	89	8	50	....	8	4 00
Waxhaw	J. A. Bivens	S. T. Adams	2	5	4	2	7	7	3	54	93	147	O. M. Sanders	60	10	46	....	12	12 93
				159	63	16	72	48	20	930	1482	2412		1008	129	669	752		157 00

no comments have been received

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OFFICERS.

J. W. BIVENS, Moderator,.....Ames, N. C.
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V. T. CHEARS, Treasurer,.....Brown Creek, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

REV. A. C. DAVIS, REV. D. M. AUSTIN, J. C. SIKES,
W. T. SINCLAIR, JAS. H. WILLIAMS.

List of Ordained Ministers Actively Engaged.

Austin, D. M.,	Monroe,	North Carolina.
Bennett, J. L.,	Monroe,	" "
Bivens, J. A.,	Richardson Creek,	" "
Davis, E. L.,	Olive Branch,	" "
Davis, A. C.,	Love's Level,	" "
Hill, J. A.,	Waxhaw,	" "
Little, J. W.,	Zoar,	" "
Marsh, A.,	Rock Rest,	" "
Sanders, J. A.,	Wolfe Pond,	" "
Snider, D. A.,	Beaver Dam,	" "

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, October 10th, 1889.

The representatives from the different churches re-assembled in Association in Philadelphia church, Union county, N. C., on Thursday morning, Oct. 10th, at 11 o'clock.

Rev. J. C. Stowell preached the Introductory Sermon from I. Sam. XV.: 23: "Because thou hath rejected the word of the Lord, He hath also rejected thee from being king."

Adjourned with benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association met at 1:30 o'clock. The business of the session was preceded by the reading of the 1st Psalm and an invocation of the Divine blessing by Rev. J. A. Little.

Elder J. A. Bivens, Moderator of last session, called the body to order. Rev. D. M. Austin and R. Redfearn were appointed reading clerks.

Letters from the churches are read and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Bethel—M. W. Moore, V. A. Ashcroft, *B. C. Ashcroft.

Beaver Dam—A. Phifer, A. Gaddy, *F. Nash.

Benton's X Roads—D. C. Trull, *G. D. Benton, *M. A. Helms.

Cane Creek—S. J. Rowel, J. S. Parker, M. J. Rollins.

Faulks—G. W. Pounds, Owen Pope, J. H. Collins.

Deep Spring—G. F. Caudle, Jno. Newton, M. F. Phifer.

Ebenezer—G. W. Baucom, E. J. Helms, S. C. Walters.

Hopewell—R. Pope, J. E. Griffin, H. Robertson.

Liberty Hill—H. W. Funderburk, F. B. Funderburk, G. S. Presson.

Macedonia—Wellington Baker, J. W. Outen, J. B. Outen.

Meadow Branch—J. C. Hamilton, Wm. Bivens, Tom E. Williams.

Mt. Moriah—P. H. Mills, E. T. Green, P. J. Davis.

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*ABSENT.

Mt. Pleasant—J. A. Sanders, J. M. Funderburk, L. G. Parker.

Monroe—*J. E. W. Austin, J. O. Griffin, *W. R. Stewart.

Mill Creek—N. W. Braswell, I. A. Clontz.

New Salem—J. T. McCorkle, W. H. Long, M. P. Pressley.

Pleasant Hill—T. B. Philips, R. H. James, J. T. Griffin.

Pleasant Plain—Not represented.

Philadelphia—J. J. Cox, J. G. Gulledge, B. F. Parker.

New Hope—J. B. Brantley, J. W. Pritchard, Henry M. Brooks.

Oak Grove—J. F. Gordon, O. Rogers, J. G. King.

Olive Branch—H. T. Baucom, W. T. Sinclair, *B. F. Staton.

Shiloh—J. S. Baucom, L. R. Helms, A. D. Benton,

Rocky Mount—I. McIntyre, S. J. Turner, *M. T. Parker.

Waxhaw—G. H. Broughton, Jno. Eason, W. J. McGuirt.

Rev. A. Marsh and Bro. R. Redfearn were appointed tellers for the election of officers, which results in the election of J. W. Bivens, Moderator, R. Redfearn, Clerk, and V. T. Chears, Treasurer.

The rules of decorum were read by the Clerk.

The following visitors were recognized: Elder E. B. Barrett and Bro. James Leonard, from the Anson Association; Rev. J. C. Stowell, in the interest of Home Missions.

Corresponding messengers are asked to report. Elder R. Pope reports having attended the Stanly Association and was cordially received.

Letters from Olive Branch and Deep Spring were read and delegates enrolled.

Special order for Friday: Education, 10, A. M.; Home Missions, 11, A. M.; Orphanage, 1½, P. M.; Ministerial Support, 2:30, P. M. After singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," benediction by Rev. R. H. James.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 11th, 1889.

Association was called to order by the Moderator. Rev. J. A. Hill read XLVIII. Psalm and led in prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Letter from Benton's X Roads was read and delegates enrolled.

Corresponding and visiting brethren are recognized, Elder J. M. Garrison, of the York Association; Bro. J. W. Oliver, Treasurer of Thomasville Orphanage.

The Moderator announced committees, as follows:

On Finance—S. T. Adams, J. O. Griffin, Vernon Ashcroft.

On Church Reception—Revs. D. M. Austin, J. A. Hill, Bro. M. W. Moore.

On Requests and Queries—J. A. Bivens, J. S. Baucom, I. A. Clontz.

On Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this church.

Committee on Church Reception reports as follows:

We, your committee on Church Reception, find the church (New Salem) seeking admittance into this body orthodox, and recommend her reception.

COMMITTEE.

On motion, New Salem was received into this Association and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

On motion, Rev. A. C. Davis was appointed to prepare a report on Associational Missions.

Being appointed at last session, Rev. T. B. Phillips read the report on Education.

Report was discussed by Revs. D. M. Austin, and A. C. Davis and Prof. H. E. Copple, after which it was adopted, as follows:

EDUCATION.

There is no honest and proper vocation or work made possible by man's infinitely varied abilities and by life's infinitely varied opportunities, for our guidance in which the Bible does not lay down explicit rules; rules which, if followed will lead us on to grand and glorious success; rules which must be followed, if we achieve ultimate success. What are these rules as to the work of education?

In the first place, it is the duty of every man to acquire an education. This duty the Bible plainly enjoins; it is either taught or implied in every chapter of Proverbs. If a person intends to be a farmer, a mechanic, or a day laborer all the days of his life, an education will be an immense advantage to him. He will do his work better, be more prosperous, better satisfied, and receive more enjoyment from the blessings of life, than to go blindly stumbling through in total darkness and ignorance as to the character of this world and the eternal world to come. All responsible men have duties in relation to the church, society and government, to the proper discharge of which an intelligent education is necessary and indispensable. The preacher needs to be educated in order to prepare himself to properly instruct his hearers. The deacons ought to be educated to enable them to fill well the position in which the Lord has placed them. All the members of our churches ought to be better educated, then our churches would be more prosperous. The mother has resting upon her a great and serious responsibility in the training of her child. Nowhere are tact and intelligence more needed. An ignorant mother cannot possibly meet the requirements of her position, for "if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

While I attempt to urge the necessity of an education to prepare us for every duty of life, I do not mean that all should have a collegiate education. I mean an education that is obtainable by the masses, such as our academies ought to afford. We have several good schools within our limits that deserve our patronage. I admit that we ought to be proud of Wake Forest College, and all of our institutions of high grade, and we should encour-

age our young men and young ladies who are prepared to enter them, although I fear that we urge too strongly for a collegiate education, which can be obtained only by the select few.

Let us make stronger efforts to educate our boys and girls at home, and they will then love their native country better than any other. Let us do more for the educating of our young ministers at home; then they will have a greater love for their fellow countrymen, and will be more willing to "endure hardness as a faithful soldier," for their salvation.

True education is three fold in character: it is physical, intellectual and moral. Each kind is essential to man's highest development, and by their judicious combination are the best results obtained. All the opponents of education base their objections upon the effects of one of these kinds of education abnormally developed to the exclusion of the others. What we want is a powerful, vigorous brain in a strong, healthy body, the whole softened, refined and elevated by the controling influence of a pure heart and christian spirit.

God, in his perfect wisdom, has seen fit to entrust us all with different capacities for enjoyment and work; and He will hold every one accountable for the use of his talents, be they few or be they many. May we also take advantage of our opportunities that when we shall be called upon by the great Judge of the quick and the dead to render an account of the use of our talents, we shall be the happy recipients of those blessed words, "well done good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. PHILLIPS.

Congregation stands and sings one verse of "Am I a soldier of the cross."

Rev. J. A. Speight, associate editor of the Biblical Recorder, was introduced and welcomed by the Moderator.

The reporter on Home Missions is absent. Rev. J. C. Stowell takes the floor and tells of the work that is being done by this board, which is adopted as a report.

The roll of churches is called and the following brethren are appointed to represent this board:

Bethel, F. U. Ashcroft, Beaver Dam; Benton's X Roads, J. E. Rowell, Raywood; Beaver Dam, A. Phifer, Rock Rest; Cane Creek, S. J. Rowell, Cleone; Deep Spring, M. F. Phifer, Peachland; Ebenezer, G. W. Baucom, Monroe; Faulks, Cheatham Ross, Monroe; Hopewell, J. C. Sikes, Long's Store; Libery Hill, Henry Presson, Sr., Zoar; Macedonia, D. A. Outen, Rock Rest; Meadow Branch, J. W. Bivens, Ames; Monroe, R. Redfearn, Monroe; Mill Creek, I. A. Clontz, Gibraltar; Mt. Moriah, Patrick Mills, Brown Creek; Mt. Pleasant, J. A. Sanders, Wolfe Pond; New Hope, J. W. Pritchard, Olive Branch; Oak Grove, J. F. Gordon, Winchester; Olive Branch, W. T. Sinclair, Olive Branch; Philadelphia, V. T. Chears, Brown Creek; Pleasant Plain, ——; Pleasant Hill, J. S. James, Euto; Shiloh, L. M. Helms, Stouts; Waxhaw, O. M. Sanders, Cureton's Store, S. C.

Adjourned for refreshments. Doxology was sung. Ben-

ediction by Elder D. A. Snider.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

A selection of music was sung. Rev. J. A. Speight led in prayer.

Letters from Macedonia, Mt. Moriah and New Salem are read.

Visiting brethren are invited to seats. Elder W. T. Little, from the Moriah, and Bro. J. T. Gaddy, from the Anson Associations, are present and are cordially received.

Rev. A. C. Davis read a report on Thomasville Orphanage and led in the discussion, followed by Bro. J. W. Oliver. A cash collection is taken up to the amount of $28.33.

THOMASVILLE ORPHANAGE.

The care of the poor is one of the first duties of the church. Pure religion and undefiled before God the Father is to visit the fatherless and the widow. This is the fruits of it, and the poor you have always with you and you can do them good whensoever you will. We now have in the Baptist Orphanage 112 children to feed and clothe, and they are dependent upon the liberality of the Baptists of this State for food and clothing. These children are the Lord's poor, and the Lord's people are duty bound to take care of them. Respectfully submitted, A. C. DAVIS.

One verse of "Children of the Heavenly King" is sung.

Bro. S. T. Adams offered the following report on Ministerial Support, which was discussed by Elders O. Rogers, J. C. Stowell, Bro. R. Redfearn, Elders J. A. Speight, A. J. Hill and E. B. Barrett. The time having expired for the discussion of the subject, on motion, Elders J. W. Little and A. C. Davis are each granted 10 minutes time on the subject.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Ministerial Support is as clearly taught in the Scripture as is the duty of the preacher to preach, I think, in the 9th chapter of 1st Corinthians, 7th to the 14th verses: Who goeth a warfare at his own charges? Who planteth a vineyard and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock and eateth not of the milk of the flock, and thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn; and this is written that he that ploweth should plow in hope, and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope, and they that wait at the altar are partakers with the altar, even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. Galatians 6th chapter and 6th verse: Let him that is taught in the Word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

S. T. ADAMS.

The Association then adjourns with "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and benediction by Rev. W. T. Little.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, October 12, 1889.

The Moderator called the body to order, and asked Rev R. H. James to lead in prayer.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

On motion, all speeches are limited to 10 minutes, except the opening speech.

Regular order of business is suspended and the report of the Committee on Requests and Queries was heard:

We, your committee, report the following:

Cane Creek desires the sympathy of the body, as they have not got their house of worship finished.

Olive Branch requests the Association to pass a resolution that the printer send the Minutes to the Clerks of the different churches by mail.

New Hope, Oak Grove, Shiloh, Rocky Mount, Mount Pleasant, Ebenezer and Pleasant Hill request the prayers of this body.

Beaver Dam, Mill Creek, Shiloh, Waxhaw and Hopewell each request that the next session of this Association be held with them.

Rocky Mount requests a letter of dismission to join the Anson Association.

J. A. BIVENS,
J. S. BAUCOM,
I. A. CLONTZ.

Rocky Mount was granted a letter of dismission to unite with the Anson Association.

Rev. J. L. Bennett read the report on Periodicals, which, after being discussed by Revs. E. L. Davis and J. L. Bennett, was adopted, as follows:

PERIODICALS.

One of the greatest instrumentalities in the development and edification of us as the church, is our denominational press. Whilst the Bible is our foundation and director, there are many things in this day very profitable that we cannot learn from the Bible, of which the Biblical Recorder gives us liberally. We heartily recommend it to all as a paper worthy of our patronage, and a paper we cannot, as a Baptist, afford to be without.

J. L. BENNETT.

Rev. C. Durham, corresponding secretary of Baptist State Convention is welcomed by Moderator.

The time is announced for Associational Missions. Rev. A. C. Davis reads the report and leads in the discussion, followed by Revs. J. L. Bennett, J. M. Garrison, D. M. Austin, E. L. Davis, T. B. Phillips, R. H. James and O. Rogers.

The time having expired that was allotted to this subject, through request of Rev. C. Durham it is left open until after the report on State Missions.

The report on State Missions was read by Bro. H. E. Copple, and was discussed by the writer and Rev. C. Durham.

STATE MISSIONS.

The spirit of Missions is life; Anti-Missions is death. The God of Hosts has commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. The hope of the heathen nations, under God, depend upon well-trained churches at home. State Missions, therefore, is at the base of all our work, and should be pushed with more vigor than ever before.

Missionaries have been appointed in the various destitute sections of the State. These men of God have been doing their work faithfully, and under their ministry many souls have been led to Christ. The destitutions are extensive still, and still richer harvests are to be reaped. The sickle is sharper than any two edged sword. Shall we be wrapped in complacency, and, so far as we are concerned, see God's behests trail in the dust?

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. COPPLE.

The roll of churches was called, and pledged to try to raise the following amounts for State Missions:

Bethel, $4.00; Benton's X Roads, $3.00; Beaver Dam, $5.00; Cane Creek, $1.00; Ebenezer, $2.50; Faulks, $2.75, pd.; Hopewell, $5.00; Liberty Hill, $2.00; Macedonia, $4.00; Meadow Branch, $15.00; Monroe, $25.00; Mill Creek, $2.00; Mt. Pleasant, $2.00; New Hope, $2.00; Oak Grove, $2.00; Olive Branch, $4.00, pd.; Philadelphia, $6.00; Pleasant Hill, $2.00; Pleasant Plain, $3.00; Shiloh, $5.00; Waxhaw, $12.00, pd.; New Salem, $3.00. Total amount, $112.25.

A cash collection was taken for the same object to the amount of $4.59.

Associational Missions is again taken up, and pledges made as follows:

D. M. Austin, $5.00; J. L. Benn tt, $5.00; E. L. Davis, $5.00; A. J. Hill, $5.00; J. C. Sikes, $2.00; S. J. Rowell, $2.00; James King, $2.00; A. C. Davis, $2.00; J. H. Presson, $2.00; T. B. Phillips, $2.00; A. Marsh, $2.00; Jno. W. Griffin, $1.00; J. Q. A. Little, $1.00; J. F. Gordon, $1.00; M. W. Moore, $1.00, pd.; D. A. Snider, $1.00; T. E. Williams, $2.00, pd.; V. T. Chears, $2.00; Wm. Long, $2.00; Jno. C. Hamilton, $2.00, pd.; A. Gaddy, $2.00; Marshal Helms, $1.00, pd.; H. E. Copple, $2.00; J. W. Bivens, $1.00; James Carelock, $1.00; J. T. Helms, $1.00, pd.; Jno. Carelock, $1.00; V. A. Ashcroft, $1.00; J. H. Collins, $1.00, pd.; N. W. Bivens, $1.00; A. Phifer, $1.00, pd.; R. Redfearn, $1.00; Green Stegall, $1.00; Wm. Bivens, $1.00; G. D. Benton, $1.00; J. A. Sanders, $1.00; J. O. Griffin, $1.00; J. B. Griffin, .95, pd.; W. P. Benton, $1.00; A. G. Blagburn, $1.00; Lewis Krimminger, .50; Mrs. E. L. Davis, $2.00, pd.; Mrs. J. F. Horton, $2.00; Mrs. Beady Carelock, $1.00, pd.; Mrs. Jane Walters, $1.00; Mrs. J. B. Ashcroft, $1.00; J. W. Snider, $1.00; R. James, $1.00. Total, $78.45.

Report was then adopted as follows:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

The destitution within the bounds of the Union Association is greater than many of our people are aware of. From Hopewell to Matthews it is 15 miles, and from Matthews to Shiloh it is 12 miles, and there is not a Baptist church in all this section. From Shiloh to Pleasant Valley it is 20 miles; from that point to Waxhaw it is about 15 miles. Here is a section of country about 20x15 miles square without any Baptist church. From Monroe to Cane Creek it is 12 miles and there is no Baptist church. From Waxhaw to Lancaster village it is 16 miles, and no Baptist church. From Beaver Dam to Mineral Springs is about 12 miles, and no Baptist church. I have pointed out the destitution so you can determine as to whether we need to do any mission work in our own bonds or not. We are duty bound to supply these places with the Gospel as we believe it. Shall the ministers of this Association occupy these places on their own expenses, or will the 2,800 Baptists of this Association contribute of their means to enable the ministers to occupy these waste places? Besides the places mentioned, there are several weak churches in our bounds that are uuable to support their pastors, and they need aid to enable them to have preaching. Will we help them or not? A. C. DAVIS.

Rev. T. B. Phillips offers the following resolution, which is adopted.

RESOLVED, that we have an Associational board consisting of five persons, whose duty it shall be to see that our destitutions and weak churches are properly supplied, and that our Associational Mission work be entirely under the control of this Association through said executive committee.
T. B. PHILLIPS.

The Moderator appoints the following on that committee: Revs. A. C. Davis, D. M. Austin, Brethren J. C. Sikes, W. T. Sinclair and Jas. H. Williams.

The Association adjourned for one hour, after singing the Doxology. Benediction by Rev. E. B. Barrett.

EVENING SESSION.

The Moderator called the Association to order. After singing "Am I a soldier of the cross?" by the congregation Rev. C. Durham leads in prayer.

Foreign Missions was announced to be the next subject to come before the body.

The Bro. appointed to prepare a report on this subject was absent. Rev. C. Durham addresses the Association, tells in a very touching manner of the work that was and is being done by the Missionaries from North Carolina, and especially of the work that was done by our lamented Dr. M. T. Yates.

Churches were called and pledged as follows:

Bethel,	$ 2.00	Benton's X Roads,	$ 1.00
Beaver Dam,	3.00	Cane Creek,	1.00
Ebenezer,	2.00	Faulks,	2.00
Hopewell,	5.00	Liberty Hill,	1.00
Macedonia,	3.00	Meadow Branch,	15.00

Monroe,	$15.00	Mill Creek,	$ 2.00
Mt. Moriah,	1.00	Mt. Pleasant,	1.00
New Hope,	1.00	New Salem,	3.00
Oak Grove,	2.50	Philadelphia,	2.00
Pleasant Plain,	2.00	Pleasant Hill,	2.00
Shiloh,	3.00	Waxhaw, pd.,	10.00
Olive Branch, pd.,	2.50	Total amount pledged,	83.00

Rev. C. Durham was invited to address the body on Ministerial Education, after which the following amounts were pledged:

Bethel,	$1.00	Benton's X Roads,	$1.00
Beaver Dam,	1.00	Hopewell,	2.00
Macedonia,	1.00	Meadow Branch,	4.00
Mill Creek,	1.00	Mt. Pleasant,	1.00
Oak Grove,	1.00	Pleasant Plain,	1.00
New Salem,	2.00	Shiloh,	2.00
Waxhaw,	5.00		

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

D. M. Austin,	$20.00	L. M. Helms, pd.,	$ .25
V. T. Chears,	1.00	M. C. Ross, pd.,	.25
J. B. Ashcroft,	1.00	H. C. Moore,	.25
W. H. Long, pd.,	.25.		

The Historian, Rev. D. M. Austin, had nothing of an historical nature to report.

The following writers were appointed for next session by the Moderator:

On Foreign Mission—B. F. Rollins.
On State Missions—Rev. A. Marsh.
On Home Missions—H. E. Pope.
On Periodicals—Hugh Long.
On Education—Rev. D. M. Austin.
On Baptist Orphanage—Rev. R. H. James.
On Ministerial Support—Jas. W. Benton.
On Ministerial Education—H. E. Copple.

Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations were appointed as follows, viz.:

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus—Revs. A. C. Davis and J. A. Hill.

Stanly—J. C. Sikes and R. H. James.

Moriah—V. T. Chears and Wellington Baker.

Anson—Revs. D. M. Austin and J. A. Bivens.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention—Revs. A. C. Davis, R. H. James and A. B. Caudle, and Brethren R. Redfearn, J. C. Sikes, W. G. Long and Jas. Long.

Rev. D. M. Austin is appointed a delegate, by the Association, to the Southern Baptist Convention.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report:

Received for	Ministerial Education,.....	$21.05
"	" State Missions,.....	26.00
"	" Associational Missions,.....	.50
"	" Foreign Missions,.....	33.00
"	" Home Missions,.....	3.75
"	" Baptist Ophanage,.....	3.50
"	" Minute Fund,.....	32.99
	Total,.....	$120.79

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Com. for	Ministerial Education,	$21.05
" " " " "	Associational Missions,	.50
" " " " "	State Missions,	26.00
" " " " "	Foreign Missions,	33.00
" " " " "	Home Missions,	3.75
" " " " "	Paptist Orphanage,	3.50
" " " " "	Minute Fund,	32.99
	Grand total, - - - - -	$120.79

Respectfully submitted, V. T. CHEARS, Treas.

On motion, the Treasurer is ordered to pay out the money on hand to the respective objects for which it was paid in.

The report of the committee, on Requests and Queries is read, and requests disposed of.

On motion, the churches are called, and delegates requested to vote for the place where they desired the Association to hold its next session. The majority vote in favor of Beaver Dam. Rev. A. C. Davis is appointed to preach the introductory sermon.

On motion, the Moderator appoints a committee of two to ascertain why Pleasant Plain has not been represented for sometime. Committee—R. Redfearn and J. L. Bennett.

Committee on Religious Exercises report programme for to-morrow (Sunday): Sunday School Mass-meeting, 9:30, A. M., conducted by Rev. A. C. Davis. Sermon, 11, A. M., Rev. D. M. Austin. Sermon, 1, P. M., Rev. A. J. Hill.

Offered by D. M. Austin, and unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That we, the ministers and delegates of the Union Association, do tender a vote of thanks to the church at Philadelphia for the hospitality extended to the members of the Association; and also to the Moderator and Clerk for their faithful and efficient services.

Rev. D. M. Austin moves that $10.00 be allowed the

Clerk for his services, and the remainder of the minute fund be placed in the hands of the Clerk, and that he be requested to have the Minutes printed as soon as possible, and distribute them among the churches in proportion to the amount of money sent up for that object.

On motion, Rev. D. M. Austin is requested to speak ten minutes on Intemperance.

The Association requests Rev. C. Durham to give the body a five minute talk on Colporteur work.

On motoin, the Association adjourned to time and place of next meeting (Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1890).

Reclining against the pulpit stands old father Davis, whose achievements have gained for him unfading and deathless laurels, who has made for himself an unperishable record for valor, constancy, fortitude, selfdenial, faithfulness, who told as the tears trickled down his furrowed face, of some of the work that has been done. "Then," said he, "I know the fathers of almost all of you; I say to you, as I never expect to meet you again, die in the service of your Master. Push onward and upward; my motto for you all at the close of this Association—"Feed my lambs!" "Occupy till I come!" "God bless you all! We must now say *farewell.* Fare ye well, my beloved brethren and friends! Fare ye well, ministers of Jesus! Fare ye all well! Fare ye well in time; fare ye well to all eternity!" These are, in substance, some of the words that fell from the sainted old brother's lips, while the large house was bathed in tears.

Thus ended one of the most successful and pleasant sessions ever held by Union County Baptist Association.

J. W. BIVENS, Moderator.

R. Redfearn, *Clerk.*

SUNDAY'S SERVICE.

At 9:30, the appointee, Rev. A. C. Davis, announces as the opening piece of music, "Jesus, blessed Jesus," after which he reads 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes, and Bro. H. E. Copple leads in prayer. Addresses were made by Brethren R. Redfearn and H. E. Copple, and Revs. J. W. Griffin, J. A. Hill and J. L. Bennett. After singing a piece of music and a recess of 10 minutes, Rev. D. M. Austin preached from 3d chapter of 1st Corinthians, 3rd to 6th verses inclusive, at 11 o'clock, to an exceedingly large audience. At the close, a collection was taken for Foreign Missions, amounting to $12.31.

In the afternoon Rev. J. A. Hill preached from 3rd chapter of 1st Corinthians.

Financial Exhibit.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses	Ministerial Education.	Bap. Orphanage.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Grand Total.
Bethel	$ 50 00	$.....	$ 2 00	$.....	$...	$5 00	$1 10	$3 00	$ 4 38	$1 25	$ 66 73
Benton's X Roads	50 00	40 00	2 00	.....	....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	95 00
Beaver Dam	.....	200 25	2 00	.....	....	2 00	.....	3 00	.....	1 50	208 75
Cane Creek	30 00	.....	.....	.....	....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	50	31 50
Deep Spring	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	80
Ebenezer	35 00	7 00	2 00	60	....	2 00	1 00	2 00	6 45	1 14	57 19
Faulks	54 75	5 30	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	1 75	63 80
Hopewell	100 00	2 57	19 35	9 81	2 30	3 00	2 53	3 00	41 95	2 15	186 66
Liberty Hill	75 00	.....	.....	50	50	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 35	79 35
Macedonia	58 00	2 75	2 00	4 00	....	3 00	3 00	3 00	7 16	1 25	84 16
Meadow Branch	175 00	272 98	4 05	16 60	2 50	12 00	6 00	10 00	16 38	3 00	518 51
Monroe	750 00	188 13	20 00	26 95	....	25 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	2 10	1037 18
Mt. Moriah	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	50
Mt. Pleasant	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	3 00
Mill Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	2 00	.....	2 00	3 55	1 00	8 55
New Salem	25 00	.....	1 00	3 00	....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	32 00
New Hope	30 00	2 00	.....	56	....	2 00	2 00	1 00	.....	1 00	38 56
Pleasant Plain	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	25 00	20 00	1 00	.....	....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	49 00
Philadelphia	60 50	10 00	.....	.....	....	5 00	.....	2 00	.....	2 50	80 00
Oak Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	75	.....	.....	1 20	1 95
Olive Branch	50 00	.....	2 00	.....	....	.....	.....	2 00	6 95	2 00	62 95
Shiloh	75 00	.....	2 00	.....	....	2 00	2 43	2 00	12 00	2 00	97 43
Rocky Mt.	.....	.....	2 00	.....	....	5 00	.....	2 00	.....	1 00	10 00
Waxhaw	.....	9 65	.....	1 75	....	4 20	2 78	10 70	.....	1 00	30 08
	1643 25	760 63	61 40	63 77	5 30	79 20	27 59	60 70	108 82	32 99	2843 75

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Sabbath of Preaching.	Baptised.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Male members.	Female members.	Total membership.
Bethel	A. Marsh	F. W. Ashcraft	4	1	1	..	2	1	..	17	30	47
Benton's X Road	Bennett & Snider	D. C. Trull	2	2	9	..	7	1	1	40	41	81
Beaver Dam	D. A. Snider	A. Phifer	3	13	9	1	1	1	3	48	62	110
Cane Creek	A. Marsh	M. J. Rollins	2	...	1	..	..	2	1	14	18	32
Deep Spring	F. B. Philips	M. F. Phifer	2	5	1	2	9	2	3	21	47	68
Ebenezer	J. A. Bivens	S. C. Walters	3	2	5	..	8	..	4	23	28	51
Faulks	Bennett & Snider	J. W. Snider	1	5	..	..	1	..	1	56	88	144
Hopewell	J. A. Bivens	W. L. Biggers	1	24	9	4	3	2	2	64	83	147
Liberty Hill	J. W. Little	H. W. Funderburk	1	39	1	4	6	3	1	50	77	127
Macedonia	J. A. Bivens	D. A. Outen	4	13	2	3	5	..	..	28	35	63
Meadow Branch	Davis and Bivens	H. C. Moore	2	3	1	1	14	2	2	78	128	206
Monroe	D. M. Austin	R. Redfearn	Each	33	9	..	6	..	1	71	118	189
Mt. Moriah	J. W. Little	W. A. Mills	1	1	2	..	1	..	..	15	18	33
Mt. Pleasant	J. A. Sanders	J. M. Funderburk	2	...	9	..	5	4	..	29	42	71
Mill Creek	T. B. Philips	T. F. James	3	19	3	1	4	4	1	51	75	126
New Salem	A. C. Davis	J. F. McCorkle	3	29	..	1	..	..	..	23	22	45
New Hope	A. Marsh	J. W. Pritchard	3	17	3	..	2	..	..	16	37	53
Pleasant Plain			....	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	29	43
Pleasant Hill	T. B. Philips	J. M. Burmingham	1	2	4	1	4	..	..	27	70	97
Philadelphia	D. A. Snider	V. T. Chears	4	29	4	.	9	3	1	84	152	236
Oak Grove	Bennett & Snider	O. Rogers	1	9	8	..	..	..	..	10	16	26
Olive Branch	E. L. Davis	H. T. Baucom	4	5	3	..	7	7	2	80	120	200
Shiloh	A. C. Davis	F. M. Sutton	2	69	..	6	2	1	..	74	76	150
Rocky Mt.	C. C. Foreman	J. M. Broadaway	4	3	2	..	2	..	3	19	42	61
Waxhaw	J. A. Hill	S. T. Adams	13	13	5	2	..	2	2	60	99	159
				336	91	26	98	34	28	1012	1553	2565

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. of scholars.	Officers & teachers	Av. Attendance.	No. papers and lesson helps taken	No. months open.	Contributions.
W. B. Marsh	24	4	16	30	11	$ 3 05
J. W. Benton	50	5	25	40	12	6 25
.....	54	5	40	....	...	.....
H. P. Rollins	35	4	25	....	4	.....
.....	....	...	...	....	...	.....
S. C. Walters	28	7	20	25	6	2 10
S. Ross	40	5	30	35	11	16 35
W. L. Biggers	82	6	48	82	9	9 39
E. L. Walden	50	9	30	....	6	.....
Wellington Baker	40	7	24	35	11	3 31
John C. Williams	84	8	53	66	11	7 25
R. Redfearn	175	12	110	390	12	100 00
J. Brantley	55	7	...	....	8	.....
J. A. Sanders	60	9	25	25	5	1 15
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M. C. King	35	3	25	40	9	.....
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W. T. Sinclair	40	6	20	35	6	5 00
B. H. Benton	95	7	60	57	8	12 43
J. W. Curlee	40	5	40	....	1	.....
G. H. Broughton	60	6	58	....	12	8 57
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J. W. Bivens, *Moderator*,.....Monroe, N. C.
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HISTORIAN.

Rev. A. C. Davis,..... .....Unionville, N. C.

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Rev. A. C. Davis, O. M. Saunders, J. C. Sikes,
W. T. Sinclair, Jas. H. Williams.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Austin, D. M.,	Monroe,	North	Carolina.
Bennett, J. L.,	Monroe,	"	"
Bivens, J. A.,	Richardson Creek,	"	"
Caudle, A. B.,	Monroe,	"	"
Davis, E. L.,	Olive Branch,	"	"
Davis, A. C.,	Unionville,	"	"
Harmon, G. W.,	Monroe,	"	"
Hill, J. A.,	Waxhaw,	"	"
James, R. H.,	Euto,	"	"
King, J. E.,	Waxhaw,	"	"
Latta, A. T.,	Monroe,	"	"
Little, J. W.,	Zoar,	"	"
Marsh, A.,	Beaver Dam,	"	"
Medlin, M. R.,	Love's Level,	"	"
Phillips, T. B.,	Olive Branch,	"	"
Sanders, J. A.,	Wolfe Pond,	"	"
Snider, D. A,	Beaver Dam,	"	"

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

FIRST DAY.

BEAVER DAM BAPTIST CHURCH, UNION COUNTY. N. C.,
October 9th, 1890.

The Union Baptist Association, according to adjournment, convened in its thirty-sixth annual session, with the church at this place. "Must Jesus bear the cross alone," was sung. Rev. A. C. Davis preached the Introductory sermon from Luke 24th chapter and 48th verse: "And ye are witnesses of these things."

EVENING SESSION.

After an hour's intermission, the Association reassembled at 2, P. M., Bro. J. W. Bivens read 103rd Psalms, and Rev. R. H. James led in prayer.

Association was called to order by Bro. J. W. Bivens, former Moderator.

Brethren O. M. Saunders and W. T Sinclair were requested to act as Reading Clerks.

Letters from the churches were read and names of delegates enrolled, as follows:

Bethel—V. A. Ashcraft, W. B. Marsh and *W. F. Ashcraft.

Beaver Dam—E. L. Gardner, T. B. Hamilton, A. Phifer.

Benton's X Roads—S. A. Helms, *J. W. Benton, *W. C. Simpson.

Cane Creek—*M. J. Rollins, B. F. King, J. T. Laney.

Deep Spring—M. F. Phifer, *J. H. Griffin, John D. High.

Ebenezer—J. T. Price, S. J. Rowell, J. E. Rowell.

Faulks—*A. M. Newsom, W. M. Haney, J. W. Snider.

Hamilton's X Roads—T. T. Little, M. E. Hill, *W. G. Thomas.

Hermon—Rev. J. A. Hill, O. M. Saunders.

Hopewell—J. H. Presson, G. Biggers, M. B. Dry.

Liberty Hill—H. S. Presson, B. A. Threatt, *Louis Deese.

Macedonia—Gilbert Preslar, W. E. Funderburk, *D. A. Outen.

Meadow Branch—J. C. Williams, D. W. Mullis, J. W. Bivens.

Mill Creek—J. S. James, J. T. Caudle, *W. J. Tomberlin.

*ABSENT.

Mt. Moriah—P. H. Mills, *James Rogers, *R. E. Sanders.

Mt. Pleasant—L. G. Parker, J. Q. A. Little, M. D. Philmon.

Monroe—*J. P. Horn, A. B. Caudle, J. E. W. Austin.

New Hope—H. M. Brooks, J. M. York, James B. Brantly.

New Salem—W. H. Long, T. P. Presley, *W. C. Helms.

Oak Grove—J. F. Gordon, J. M. King, C. H. Austin.

Olive Branch—W. T. Sinclair, E. W. Griffin, W. L. Smith.

Philadelphia—V. T. Chears, J. L. Autry, M. C. King.

Pleasant Hill—Rev. R. H. James, J. S. James, Rev. T. B. Phillips.

Pleasant Plain—*W. S. Paxton, *T. B. Smith, J. B. Shannon.

Shiloh—Rev. A. C. Davis, T. B. Hargett, I. A. Honeycutt.

Waxhaw—Rev. J. E. King, *James H. Godfrey, *S. T. Adams.

NOTE.—As the roll of delegates was not called I am not certain as to the absentees marked, having to depend upon memory.—CLERK.

The Association then proceeded to permanent organization.

Revs. A. B. Caudle and J. L. Bennett were appointed tellers for Moderator, and J. W. Bivens was re-elected. Hugh Long was elected Clerk, and O. M. Saunders Treasurer.

The Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren, which was accepted by Revs. J. N. Stallings, President of High Point Female College, T. S. Wright, of the Anson Association, J. W. Griffin, of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association, and Bro. J. B. Carlyle, representative of the Board of Education of the Baptist State Convention.

Churches seeking admission into this Association were requested to present their letters.

Hermon church petitioned membership. Rev. J. A. Hill and others testified as to its orthodoxy. It was received by acclamation, the Moderator extending the hand of welcome to its delegates, Rev. J. A. Hill and Bro. O. M. Saunders.

Hamilton's X Roads also petitioned membership. As numbers of the brethren manifested an acquaintance with this organization, and being satisfied as to its orthodoxy, it was received by acclamation, the Moderator extending the hand of welcome to its delegates, T. T. Little and M. E. Hill.

The Moderator announced that the Association was in regular order for business.

Rev. J. N. Stallings announced that Bro. J. B. Carlyle

*ABSENT.

represented the Board of Education of the Baptist State Convention, and asked for him a hearing.

Education was made a special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

State Missions was made special order for Saturday at 10 o'clock.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow and spend 30 minutes in devotional services.

After the doxology was sung, Elder J. A. Hill announced the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 10th, 1890.

Association met according to adjournment, and the brethren sang, "Jesus lover of my soul." Devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. J. N. Statlings and J. D. Newton.

The Moderator then called the Association to order.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Letters from Waxhaw, Pleasant Plain and New Salem were read and names of delegates enrolled.

An invitation to visiting brethren was again extended, and Rev. J. D. Newton, of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association being present in the interest of the Baptist Orphanage, was introduced by the Moderator and welcomed to a seat.

The Moderator announced committees, as follows:

On Finance—O. M. Saunders, W. T. Sinclair and Gilbert Preslar.

On Requests and Queries—Rev. R. H. James, S. A. Helms and J. F. Gordon.

On Religious Exercises—The Pastor and Deacons of this church.

Corresponding messengers were asked to report.

Brethren W. Baker and S. J. Rowell reported having attended the Moriah Association and were cordially received.

Rev. A. C. Davis reported having attended Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association, and found that a working body.

The brethren appointed to write on Education and Ministerial Education, being absent, on motion of Rev. G. W. Harmon, these subjects were discussed together under the heading of General and Ministerial Education. It was very ably discussed by Rev. J. N. Stallings, Prof. J. B. Carlyle, Revs. A. C. Davis, G. W. Harmon and R. H. James.

Prof. Carlyle submitted the following report on this subject, which, on motion, was adopted:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL AND GENERAL EDUCATION.

The proper training of the minds and hearts of our boys and girls is a matter of greatest importance. Hence, we would urge upon all our people their duty in this respect. Let every parent determine to give his sons and daughters the very best education in his power.

Wake Forest, our college, is doing a grander work today than ever before. We rejoice in this, and reccommend to our people the importance of giving to it a larger patronage and of aiding in the present effort to increase its endowment.

We have several excellent female colleges and schools. High Point, Shelby, Oxford and Murfreesboro are all worthy of our patronage.

We commend the education of our ministers. The Educational Board last year aided twenty-nine young ministers. This year thirty-seven are being helped. Others still are desiring help.

We urge our bretheren to increase their contributions for this object. J. B. CARLYLE, Committee.

A cash collection amounting to $9.10 was taken for ministerial education.

The roll of churches was called and pledges given for Ministerial Education, as follows:

Bethel, $1.00; Benton's X Roads, $1.00; Cane Creek, $1; Ebenezer, $2.00; Hopewell, $3.00; Liberty Hill, $1.00; Macedonia, $2.00; Meadow Branch, $5.00; Mill Creek, $2.00; New Salem, $1.00; Pleasant Plain, $3.00; Pleasant Hill, $1.00 Oak Grove, 1.00; Olive Branch, $1.00; Shiloh, $3.00; Waxhaw, $2.00; Hermon, $2.00; J. L. Autry, 50c., pd.

Adjourned for refreshments.

Benediction by Rev. J. N. Stalings.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. A selection of music was sung. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Harmon.

Letters from Liberty Hill, Beaver Dam and Cane Creek were read and names of delegates enrolled.

Rev. R. H. James read the following report on the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, which, after being discussed by Rev. J. D. Newton and the writer, was adopted:

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Among the many duties which God hath assigned us to perform He puts care for the poor one of our first. To visit the fatherless and widows is religion undefiled before God. Let us not be tardy in this work.

Now we, the Baptists of North Carolina, have at Thomasville an or-

phanage which contains more than one hundred of the Lord's poor, who are entirely dependent as it were upon our religion. To care for them is to feed them, clothe them, and also to contribute to the building fund. Finally, brethren, we feel it the indispensable duty of every Baptist of North Carolina to care for the poor, do commend unto the Baptists of this Association the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage. We ask you to lend to the Lord by helping his poor. Respectfully submitted,

R. H. JAMES.

"Am I a soldier of the cross" was sung, while a cash collection amounting to $25.00 was taken for the orphanage.

The writer on Home Missions was absent. After this subject was discussed by Rev. A. C. Davis, the roll of churches was called and the following were appointed to represent this Board:

Bethel, H. B. Marsh, Beaver Dam; Benton's X Roads, S. A. Helms, Monroe; Beaver Dam, R. A. Edwards, Beaver Dam; Cane Creek, H. J. Rollins, Mt. Prospect; Ebenezer, S. H. Pyron, Raywood; Faulks, S. Ross, Monroe; Hamilton's X Roads, B. Little, Beaver Dam; Hermon, O. M. Saunders, Walkersville; Hopewell, J. C. Sikes, Long's Store; Liberty Hill, B. A. Threatt, Zoar; Mecedonia, A. C. Baker, Monroe; Meadow Branch, James H. Williams, Rock Rest; Monroe, A. B. Caudle, Monroe; Mill Creek, Mrs. T. E. Caudle, Monroe; Mt. Moriah ——; Mt. Pleasant, L. G. Parker, Lanes Creek; New Hope, Henry Brooks, Richardson's Creek; Olive Branch, E. W. Griffin, Olive Branch; Oak Grove, C. H. Austin, Winchester; Philadelphia, J. L. Autry, Brown Creek; Pleasant Plain, W. S. Paxton, Matthews; Pleasant Hill, W. B. Smith, Olive Branch; Shiloh, Maggie Secrest, Monroe; Waxhaw, Edward Yarborough, Waxhaw.

On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock, to-morrow. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" was sung.

Benediction by Elder D. A. Snider.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 11th, 1890.

The Association met according to adjournment, and was called to order by the Moderator.

Rev. J. A. Hill read a part of 107th Psalm and led in prayer.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Visiting brethren were recognized. Revs. J. A. Speight, Associate Editor of the Biblical Recorder, and C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, were welcomed by the Moderator.

On motion of Rev. A. C. Davis, the regular order of busi-

ness was suspended, and all speeches, except opening speeches, were limited to ten minutes.

The time for the special order of State Missions had arrived, but on motion it was put off till 11 o'clock, and report on Periodicals called for. Bro. Hugh Long submitted the following report, which, after being discussed by Revs. J. A. Speight, A. C. Davis, C. Durham, A. B. Caudle, G. W. Harmon and J. L. Bennett, was adopted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

While we, as Baptists, accept the Bible as the foundation of our principles, we think an organ such as the Biblical Recorder is indispensable.

It makes our hearts rejoice to see the interest which is being manifested in our denominational press; yet, I fear we, as a christian denomination, do not fully appreciate the vast importance of the press as a medium of information through which we may learn the workings of our denomination; thereby rendering ourselves more efficient servants in the work of our Master.

We desire to impress parents with the importance of putting in the hands of those under their care some good religious paper, or papers, to serve as a counteracting influence upon the great flood of stagnant literature which is seeking to poison the minds of the youth of the land.

The Biblical Recorder has ever been a heralder of truth in proclaiming and defending Baptist principles.

Our denominational press has developed with our denominational growth. We think the greatest work of our press is yet to come—that of spreading the truth and maintaining religious liberty.

With equal confidence we could recommend many other papers—such as Charity and Children, Kind Words, of Atlanta, Ga. (for Sunday Schools); but we will say nnothing further, as we think the intelligence of the Baptists of this Association will suggest to them their duty toward our denominational press.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH LONG.

The Moderator announced that the time had arrived for the special order of State Missions. Rev. A. Marsh read a report on the subject. On motion of Rev. A. C. Davis, as the writer on Foreign Missions was absent, Foreign and State Missions were discussed together. After a selection of music was sung, these subjects were discussed by Revs. C. Durham, J. A. Speight, A. B. Caudle and J. A. Hill.

Bro. Marsh's report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

It is a duty we owe to God, and to our fellow men, to help the needy. Jesus, our Savior, came to this world to seek and save the lost. He says in his intercessory prayer, "As thou hast sent me into the world, so have I also sent them into the world." So we see the cause of Missions is of heavenly origin. Therefore, we should uphold and support it. As we look around in our own county we see the need of Mission work, and when we consider the destitution of our State, and God's servants, who are laboring so hard and faithfully to give them the Gospel, we should join hearts and hands as burden-bearers together. While we have done a little, it can-

not be said of us, "We have done what we could." Then, let us do more for State Missions. We have God's approval in this work, for He has greatly blessed our efforts in this direction. If any of our Mission work should be closest to our hearts it should be that of State Missions.

1st. Because it is the teaching of our Master to preach as we go.

2nd In helping in this cause, we help all others.

Then, while othes are working in this cause, let us not sleep, for we know it is our duty to help in this cause. "And to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin." A. MARSH.

Rev. A. C. Davis offered the following resolutions by way of amendment to the report on State Missions, which were adopted:

RESOLVED, 1st, That we try to secure, during the next year, five hundred dollars ($500) for State Missions, and two hundred dollars ($200) for Foreign Missions.

RESOLVED, 2nd, That a committee of seven be appointed to apportion this amount among our churches, and ask them to try to secure the amounts asked for above. A. C. DAVIS.

The Moderator announced the following committee on apportionment: A. B. Caudle, O. M. Saunders, J. C. Sikes, J. A. Bivens, W. B. Marsh, J. L. Bennett and W. Baker.

A cash collection, amounting to $13.64, was taken for State Missions.

On motion, adjourned for one hour. A selection of music was sung and Rev. A. B. Caudle announced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled and was called to order by the Moderator. The congregation sang, "The Great Physician," and Elder J. L. Bennett led in prayer.

Letters from Mt. Moriah and Mt. Pleasant having arrived were read and names of delegates enrolled.

The Committee on Requests and Queries submitted the following report, which was received:

Shiloh and Hopewell request this body to hold its next session with them. Mt. Moriah, New Hope, Cane Creek, Liberty Hill and Deep Spring request the prayers of this Association. Deep Spring asks a letter of dismission from this Association. Oak Grove requests the sympathy and help of the Association. R. H. JAMES, Chairman.

Deep Spring was granted a letter of dismission.

On motion of Rev. J. A. Hill, Rev. G. W. Harmon is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon of next session.

On election, it is learned that it is the desire of this Association to hold its next session with Shiloh.

Oak Grove petitioned aid in building a house of worship, and received a cash collection amounting to $9.73.

The Committee on Associational Missions submitted th

following report, which, after being discussed by Elders J. A. Hill, E. L. Davis and J. L. Bennett, was adopted:

REPORT OF EX. COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We beg leave to submit the following to you: Elders J. L. Bennett and D. A. Snider have supplied Oak Grove the 1st Sabbath of each month. They have a house hulled in so they can use it. They have had five additions this year. The outlook is good.

They have also preached in the community of Stevens' Mill, but have not been able to hold any meeting of days. With proper management the outlook at this place is encouraging. The State Board pays these brethren $25.00 at each of the above places.

Rev. J. A. Hill has been under the employ of your Board at Hermon, where he has been successful in organizing a church with seventeen members. They are preparing to erect a house of worship, and are hopeful of building up a good church at this place, but they have much opposition. We have paid $40.00 at this place. [Brother Hill was allowed $50.00, but as Brethren Bennett and Snider had received only $25.00 for Oak Grove and Stand near Stevens' Mill, each, while $50.00 was expected for each, he gave them $10.00.]

The above places will need help next year from some source to sustain their pastors.

We have appropriated $10.00 to Rev. J W. Little for services as pastor of Hamilton's X Roads, which is a newly organized church and needs help to sustain a pastor.

We also give $5.00 to Rev. A. Marsh for services at Green's School house on or near Rocky River, a destitute place in this county.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. DAVIS, Chairman,
W. T. SINCLAIR, Secretary.

On motion of Rev. R. H. James the roll of churches was called and the following pledges were received for Associational Missions:

Bethel, $3.00; Beaver Dam $4.00; Ebenezer, $2.00; Faulks, $3.00; Hermon, $2.00; Hopewell, $5.00; Macedonia, $1,00; Meadow Branch, $5.00; Mt. Moriah, $1.00; New Salem, $1.00; Oak Grove, $1.00; Olive Branch, $2.00, Shiloh, $2.00.

Brother W. T. Sinclair read the following:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee on finance beg leave to submit the following report:

Received for Associational Missions,	$ 7.13
Received for Foreign Missions,	39.04
Received for State Missions,	66.53
Received for Home Missions,	14.61
Received for Ministerial Education,	18.00
Received for Baptist Orphanage,	11.81
Received for Minute Fund,	34.19
Total,	$191.31

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE

TREASURERS' REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee for Assosiational Missions,	$ 7.13
Received of Finance Committee for Foreign Missions,	39.04
Received of Finance Committee for State Missions,	66.53
Received of Finance Committee for Home Missions,	14.61
Received of Finance Committee for Ministerial Education,	18.00
Received of Finance Committee for Baptist Orphanage,	11.81
Received of Finance Committee for Minute Fund,	34.19
Grand total,	$191.31

Respectfully submitted, O. M. SANDERS, Treasurer.

Reports of Finance Committee and Treasurer were received.

On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to pay out all moneys in his hands to the different objects for which they were contributed.

On motion, the subject of Ministerial Support was dispensed with, the writer on this subject being absent.

The Moderator announced writers for the next session as follows:

On Foreign Missions—B. C. Ashcraft.
On State Missions—Walter Sikes.
On Home Missions—Rev. A. C. Davis.
On Periodicals—W. T. Sinclair.
On Education—John H. Benton.
On Baptist Orphanage—Rev. J. L. Bennett.
On Colportage—Rev. T. B. Phillips.
On Associational Missions—O. M. Sanders.

Corresponding messengers to sister Associations were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus—J. C. Sikes.
Stanly—Revs. R. H. James and A. C. Davis.
Moriah—H. S. Presson, Rev. J. W. Little and H. E. Copple.
Anson—R. Redfearn and Rev. A. B. Caudle.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention—Revs. A. C. Davis, A. Marsh, D. A. Snider, A. B. Caudle and T. B. Phillips, and Brethren W. B. Marsh, W. G. Long, J. W. Bivens, A. C. Baker and O. M. Sanders.

Rev. A. C. Davis was appointed a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention by the Association, and the churches of the Association were requested to defray his expenses.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by Rev. A. B. Caudle, and unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That we, the ministers and delegates of the Union Association, do tender a vote of thanks to the church at Beaver Dam for the hospitality extended to members of the Association; and also to the Moderator and Clerk for their faithful and efficient services.

Rev. A. C. Davis was appointed to preach the missionary sermon at 11 o'clock, a. m., Sunday.

The Clerk was instructed to have as many minutes printed as the money in his hands would pay for, after deducting his usual fees, and distribute them among the churches according to the amount paid.

Brother H. E. Copple, representing the Committee on Colportage, recommended that that work be put into the hands of the Association.

On motion, Colportage was made a part of our Associational work, and the money in the hands of the Committee on Colportage was placed in the hands of the Executive Committee.

On motion of Rev A. B. Caudle, the Association decided to take a collection on Sunday for the benefit of the Baptist Orphanage.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

On motion. the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Shiloh, 4 miles North-west of Monroe, on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1891.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow" was sung by the congregation. Benediction was announced by Elder J. A. Bivens.

During the session of the Association, old Father Davis is present, seemingly enjoying good health.

He speaks on Missions and gives a brief sketch of the religious condition of our county fifty nine years ago, when the only available place of worship was a rude hut or the open forest.

He sketches, briefly, our religious growth down the fifty-nine years of his ministry, and shows our present condition; and the great work accomplished by the ministers of this Association.

As he pours out his soul urging his brethren, (and young brethren especially), to continue the work of preaching and spreading the Gospel of Christ, we see tears roll from the eyes of the people swayed by the earnestness of his open heart.

His very presence seemed to inspire all with a feeling of reverence and enthusiasm for their Master's work. With this the old minister of 79 winters bade the brethren of the Association an affectionate farewell. The Baptists of this Association owe a debt of gratitude to this brother, which only God can pay.

Thus ended the successful and pleasant thirty-sixth annual session of the Union Baptist Association.

J. W. BIVENS, MODERATOR,
Monroe, N. C.

HUGH LONG, Clerk,
Unionville, N. C.

SUNDAY.

Sunday morning dawned clear and bright. At an early hour large crowds came rushing in from every quarter, until an unusually large congregation had assembled upon the Church yard. The Sunday-School mass-meeting, conducted by Elder J. L. Bennett, was delightful. Several of the brethren made excellent five minutes' speeches on the subject of Sunday Schools. At 11 o'clock, Elder A. C. Davis preached the missionary sermon, in the house, to a large and attentive congregation; and at the same time Elder R. H. James preached to another large congregation in a grove near by. The text of the former is contained in Ezekiel, 33rd chapter and first clause of the 5th verse, and Isaiah 10:3; and that of the latter in John 17:15. Both these brethren did ample justice to their texts, and received the closest attention from their respective audiences. At the close of these services, while a selection of music was being sung at each place, a collection was taken for the benefit of the Thomasville Orphanage, amounting to $6.00 in the house and $6.78 at the stand; total, $12.78.

AFTERNOON.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., Elder E. L. Davis preached a feeling sermon in the house, from Acts 26:18. Many were delighted to hear this old veteran minister of the Gospel once more. As the sermon came to a close many cheeks were bathed in tears and shouts of joy burst forth. At the suggestion of Elder D. A. Snider, a collection was taken for Bro. Davis, amounting to $15.00. Prayer was offered by Bro. W. R. Stewart, and the benediction was announced by Elder A. B. Caudle. Thus passed another successful and delightful session of the Union Association. CLERK.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	No. of Scholars	Officers and Teachers.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Kind Words Taken.	Other Papers and Les. Helps.	Months Open.	Contributions by S. Schools.
Beaver Dam	E. L. Gardner, Beaver Dam, N. C.	44	4	48	32	20	.....	2	$ 4 60
Benton's X Roads	J. M Benton, Raywood, "	50	5	55	23	60	.....	9	2 66
Bethel	W. B. Marsh, Beaver Dam, "	20	4	24	15	.....	24	11	3 00
Cane Creek	B. F. King. Mt. Prospect, "	51	5	56	.....	.....	.....	....	1 90
Deep Spring	M. F. Phifer, Peachland, "	50	5	55	35	.....	.....	....	3 00
Ebenezer	G. W. Baucom, Baucom's, "	70	7	77	33	.....	40	6	4 00
Faulks	S. Ross, Monroe, "	30	5	35	25	.....	28	11	2 88
Hamilton's X Roads	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hermon	O. M. Saunders, Walkersville, "	30	4	34	25	.....	.....	6	3 00
Hopewell	W. L. Biggers, Long's Store, "	76	6	82	48	82	5	12	12 65
Liberty Hill	H. S. Presson, Zoar, "	40	8	48	35	93	.....	8	.....
Macedonia	Wellington Baker, Monroe, "	57	6	63	26	27	.....	8	3 00
Meadow Branch	J. W. Bivens, Monroe, "	92	8	100	57	.....	84	11	13 24
Mill Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monroe	F. B. Ashcraft, Monroe, "	108	11	119	.....	.....	322	12	74 43
Mount Moriah	A. A. Price, Hornsboro, S. C.	60	6	66	60	.....	.....	8	.....
Mount Pleasant	L. G. Parker, Lanes Creek, N. C.	41	9	50	.....	.....	56	....	3 03
New Hope	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Salem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oak Grove	J. F. Gordon, Winchester. "	36	5	41	30	33	3	12	2 61
Olive Branch	W. T. Sinclair, Olive Branch, "	75	7	82	38	.....	65	12	7 00
Philadelphia	J. G Gulledge, Brown Creek, "	50	8	58	25	15	.....	10	.....
Pleasant Hill	J. S James, Euto, "	30	5	35	12	22	.....	9	2 35
Pleasant Plain	W. S. Paxton, Matthews, "	54	3	57	.....	20	.....	9	7 25
Shiloh	B. H. Benton, Stout. "	69	8	77	63	20	30	8	10 00
Waxhaw	G. H. Broughton, Waxhaw, "	55	10	65	64	.....	96	12	29 88
		1188	139	1327	646	392	753		190 48

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Associational Missions.	State Missions	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	S. S. Board.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Grand Total.
Beaver Dam	$ 57 35	$	$1 00	$	$	$ 5 00	$	$ 3 00	$	$	$1 50	$ 67 85
Benton's X Roads			1 00			3 00	1 00	1 00			1 05	7 05
Bethel	50 00		1 00	1 00		4 00	2 00	2 00		10 75	1 25	72 00
Cane Creek	25 00	29 50				1 00	1 00	1 00			50	58 00
Deep Spring											1 00	1 00
Ebenezer	50 00					2 50		2 00		16 00	1 00	71 50
Faulks	40 00	4 97			2 63			2 00		8 00	1 75	59 35
Hamilton's X Roads											75	75
Hermon	18 00	5 00	1 00	1 00		2 00	1 00	3 00			75	31 75
Hopewell	100 00	1 33	6 00	5 00		5 00	2 00	5 00		24 98	2 05	151 36
Liberty Hill	50 00	1 00		50	50		1 00				1 50	54 50
Macedonia	66 00	106 40	1 00	10 10		4 00	2 30	3 00			1 50	194 30
Meadow Branch	150 00	1 73	4 00	7 46		15 00	4 00	15 00		23 64	3 36	224 19
Mill Creek*		64 85	1 00	75		2 00	86	2 00		7 98	1 68	87 10
Monroe	6 000			10 00		25 00	10 00	10 00		181 05	2 00	838 05
Mount Moriah							50				75	1 25
Mount Pleasant			1 00			2 00		1 00			50	4 50
New Hope				3 00		2	2 00	1 00		2 85	1 25	12 10
New Salem	75 00		2 00			3		3 00			1 00	84 00
Oak Grove	33 00	250 50	3 00		1 00	2		2 50			1 00	292 50
Olive Branch	50 00			1 56		4		2 50			1 50	59 56
Philadelphia	85 00	20 00				6		2 00		7 25	3 00	123 25
Pleasant Hill	30 00	10 00			2 00	2					75	44 75
Pleasant Plain	75 00							2 50	5 00		1 00	83 50
Shiloh	100 00		2 00			5		3 00			2 00	112 00
Waxhaw†	146 33	6 06		4 17		5	5 55				85	187 62
	1800 68	500 84	24 00	44 54	$6 13	$99 50	$33 21	$66 50	10 00	$285 50	$35 24	2923 78

*For Poor, $5.98. †For Poor, $19.66.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	Sabbath of Preaching.	Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Male Members	Female Members.	Total Membership.	Recorders taken.
Beaver Dam	D. A. Snider, Beaver Dam, N. C.	James W. Caudle, Beaver Dam, N. C.	3rd	14	5	1	4	1	....	49	73	122	1
Benton's X Roads	Bennett and Snider, Monroe, "	D. C. Trull, Unionville, "	2nd	1	3	....	8	1	....	38	39	77	.....
Bethel	A. Marsh. Beaver Dam, "	F. W. Ashcraft, Beaver Dam, "	4th	.....	1	....	4	1	2	15	24	39	4
Cane Creek	C. R. Carnes, Dixie, S. C.	M. J. Rollins, Mt. Prospect, "	3rd	.....	9	....	1	....	....	17	22	39	.....
Deep Spring	M. R. Medlin, Love's Level, N. C.	M. F. Phifer, Peachland, "	2nd	8	2	....	3	....	2	19	53	72	.....
Ebenezer	R. H. James, Euto, "	G. W. Baucom, Baucom's, "	4th	14	9	2	2	....	....	36	37	73	.....
Faulks	Snider and Bennett, Monroe. "	J. W. Snider, Beaver Dam, "	1st	3	.....	....	4	1	4	54	82	136	2
Hamilton's X Roads	J. W. Little, Zoar, "	J. S. Griffin, Beaver Dam, "	2nd	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	7	11	18	.....
Hermon	J. A. Hill, Waxhaw, "	O. M. Sanders, Walkersville, "	1st	3	1	....	.....	....	....	8	9	17	2
Hopewell	J. A. Bivens, Richardson's C'k, "	W. L. Biggers, Long's Store, "	1st	2	3	....	8	3	...	57	81	138	*3
Liberty Hill	J. W. Little, Zoar, "	H. W. Funderburk, Zoar, "	1st	15	1	....	2	5	2	51	75	126	.....
Macedonia	J. A. Bivens, Richardson Creek, "	D. A. Outen, Rock Rest, "	4th	7	10	....	2	1	1	32	47	79	.....
Meadow Branch	E. L. Davis,* Olive Branch, "	H. C. Moore, Monroe, "	2nd	11	1	1	9	1	....	82	127	209	.....
Mill Creek*	J. A. Bivens, Richardson Creek, "	C. J. Price, Monroe. "	3rd	24	4	4	2	10	....	65	86	151	.....
Monroe	G. W. Harmon, Monroe, "	G. M. Beasley, Monroe, "	Each	.....	2	....	19	2	2	59	109	168	.....
Mount Moriah	C. R. Carnes, Wild Cat, S. C.	W. A. Mills, Hornsboro, S C.	1st	21	.....	3	3	3	....	27	29	56	.....
Mount Pleasant	A. Marsh. Beaver Dam, N. C.	J. M. Funkerburk, Wolfe Pond, N. C.	2nd	9	2	....	4	2	....	31	44	75	.....
New Hope	A. Marsh, Beaver Dam, "	Jos. M. Austin, Richardson Creek, "	1st	15	.....	....	.....	....	....	25	43	68	.....
New Salem	A. C. Davis, Unionville, "	W. H. Long, Monroe, "	3rd	2	.....	....	6	6	....	16	19	35	.....
Oak Grove	Bennett and Snider, Monroe, "	S. W. Eason, Winchester, "	1st	6	5	2	.....	1	....	18	20	38	.....
Olive Branch	E. L. Davis, Olive Branch, "	H. T. Baucom, Olive Branch, "	4th	.....	.....	....	35	4	1	59	100	159	.....
Philadelphia	A. C. Davis, Unionville, "	V. T. Chears, Lanes Creek, "	4th	19	5	2	16	2	1	85	155	240	1
Pleasant Hill	M. R. Medlin, Love's Level, "	J. M. Burmingham, Olive Branch, "	1st	11	2	3	15	3	1	30	59	89	1
Pleasant Plain	J. L. Bennett, Monroe, "	W. S. Paxton, Matthews, "	3rd	5	1	3	4	....	...	18	36	54	.....
Shiloh	A. C Davis; Unionville, "	N. R. Helms, Monroe, "	2nd	.....	6	....	3	4	3	68	78	146	3
Waxhaw†	J. E. King, Waxhaw, "	S. T. Adams, Waxhaw, "	3rd	14	4	2	19	12	2	56	89	145	1
				204	76	23	163	62	21	1022	1547	2569	.....

*J. A. Bivens, Assistent, Richardson Creek, N. C.

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MINISTERS.

Bivens, J. A.,	Richardson Creek,	North	Carolina.
Bennett, J. L.,	Monroe,	"	"
Caudle, A. B.,	"	"	"
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Davis, A. C.,	Unionville,	"	"
Gulledge, J. G.,	Brown Creek,	"	"
Harmon, G. W.,	Monroe,	"	"
Hill, J. A.,	Ames,	"	"
James, R. H.,	Euto,	"	"
Little, J. W.,	Zoar,	"	"
Latta, A. T.,	Monroe,	"	"
Marsh, A.,	Beaver Dam,	"	"
Medlin, M. R.,	Love's Level,	"	"
Rogers, O.,	Winchester,	"	"
Snider, D. A.,	Monroe,	"	"

PROCEEDINGS.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH,
Thursday, October 8, 1891.

The Union Association (Brown Creek) meets in its thirty-seventh annual session at Shiloh Church, Union County, N. C. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder G. W. Harmon, from I. Cor., xv., 58, after which the Association, on motion, takes recess for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. A. B. Caudle reads 103rd Psalm and leads in prayer.

The Association is called to order by Moderator J. W. Bivens.

The Clerk being absent, R. Redfearn was requested to act as Clerk pro tem.

Rev. G. W. Harmon and O. M. Saunders were appointed Reading Clerks.

The roll of churches was called and represented during session as follows:

Bethel—V. A. Ashcroft.
Benton's X Roads—M. A. Helms.
Beaver Dam—S. G. Phifer, A. Marsh, H. B. Griffin.
Cane Creek—H. D. King, H. J. Rollins, B. F. King.
Ebenezer—G. W. Baucom, J. W. Price, J. E. Rowell.
Faulks—K. A. Bennett.
Hamilton's X Roads—T. P. Little, J. S. Griffin.
Hermon—J. A. Hill, R. W. Flow, O. M. Saunders.
Hopewell—J. B. Beckham, W. G. Long.
Liberty Hill—H. S. Presson, H. M. Presson.
Macedonia—J. W. Outen, J. B. Outen, Hiram Griffin.
Meadow Branch—M. W. Griffin, W. E. L. Williams, L. Williams.
Mill Creek—A. Helms, J. G. Tomberlin, T. A. J. Price.
Monroe—A. B. Caudle, J. W. Bivens.
Mt. Moriah—Letter sent; no delegate.
Mt. Pleasant—Letter sent; no delegate.
New Salem—B. B. Helms, Enoch Helms, W. Helms.
New Hope—C. A. Austin, Joseph Austin.
Oak Grove—C. H. Austin, O. Rogers, B. F. Keziah.

Olive Branch—H. T. Baucom, E. G. Gaddy, W. L. Smith.

Philadelphia—M. C. King.

Pleasant Hill—

Pleasant Plain—R. H. James, T. B. Birmingham, B. Nash, W. S. Paxton.

Shiloh—N. R. Helms, P. C. Fowler, F. M. Sutton.

Waxhaw—W. C. Schooley, S. C. Walters, W. J. McGuirt.

The election of officers being next in order, Bro. J. W. Bivens, Acting Moderator, thanked the Association for honors previously conferred upon him; requested (on account of other duties that would necessarily require his attention) the Association that he be not elected again.

The Association is waited on by Revs. R. H. James and T. B. Phillips, and the following officers were elected:

Moderator—Rev. J. A. Bivens.

Clerk—R. Redfearn.

Treasurer—O. M. Saunders.

The Moderator extends an invitation to all visiting brethren from sister Associations to take seats and participate in all the discussions.

Elder J. J. McLendon reports himself from Mecklenburg and Cabarrus.

Report of visiting and corresponding brethren to sister Associations was called for.

Revs. R. H. James and A. C. Davis report having visited the Stanly and were cordially received.

Bro. R. Redfearn and Revs. A. C. Davis and J. A. Hill visited the Anson Association, found it prospering, and were very cordially received.

On motion, Rev. A. C. Davis makes his report to the Association from the Southern Baptist Convention.

Rev. A. C. Davis reads his report on Home Missions. Discussion postponed till to-morrow (Friday) at 9:30 a. m.

On motion, the Association adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 9, 1891.

Religious exercises conducted by Rev. J. A. Hill, after which the Moderator called the Association to order.

The minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Letters from Oak Grove, Mt. Pleasant and Beaver Dam were received, read and delegates enrolled.

The Moderator extends an invitation to all visiting brethren to report their names and take part in the deliberations of the body. The following report themselves:

Bro. J. C. Caddell, representing the Biblical Recorder.

The Moderator appoints the following committees:

Finance—O. M. Saunders, W. E. L. Williams, F. M. Sutton.

Requests and Queries—R. H. James, W. G. Long, Hiram Baucom.

Religious Exercises—Pastors and Deacons of Shiloh Church.

The report on Home Missions was again read.

On motion to adopt, was discussed by Revs. A. C. Davis, A. B. Caudle, J. J. McLendon and G. W. Harmon.

The roll of churches was called and the following persons were appointed to represent this work in their respective churches:

Benton's X Roads—Milas Helms, Unionville.
Beaver Dam—S. G. Phifer, Beaver Dam.
Cane Creek—John Rodgers, ——.
Bethel—Miss Lu Ashcroft, Beaver Dam.
Ebenezer—Tom Rowell, Cleone.
Faulks—J. F. Moore, Monroe.
Hamilton's X Roads—J. S. Griffin, Beaver Dam.
Herman—Mrs. O. M. Saunders, Walkersville.
Hopewell—J. C. Sikes, Long's Store.
Macedonia—A. C. Baker, Monroe.
Meadow Branch—Luther Williams, Monroe.
Mill Creek—I. A. Cloutz, Sincerity.
Monroe—A. B. Caudle, Monroe.
New Hope—J. M. Austin, Richardson Creek.
New Salem—Andrew Mullis, Richardson Creek.
Oak Grove—Zeb Gordon, Winchester.
Olive Branch—E. G. Gaddy, Olive Branch:
Philadelphia—M. C. King, Lanes Creek.
Pleasant Hill—Miss Arend Stewart, Olive Branch.
Shiloh—(Paid $5) Miss Mary Benton, Monroe.
Waxhaw—L. Rhiner, Waxhaw.
Pleasant Plane, ——.

The report was as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

"The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is located at Atlanta, Ga., and the field of its operation is herein given, with the number of missionaries in each State and field of work: Alabama, 21; Arkansas,

27; Cuba, 22; Florida, 32; Georgia, 17; Indian Territory, 16; Kentucky, 4; Louisiana, 27; Maryland, 3; Mississippi, 7; Missouri, 9; Oklahoma, 6; Tennessee, 5; Texas State Convention, 138; Western Arkansas and Indian Territory, 24; Western North Carolina, 17; West Virginia, 1; Texas Sunday School Convention, 33; total, 407. Of these there have labored among the foreign population, including Indians, 31; in Cuba, 22; among the negroes, 51; among native whites, 393. Work done, weeks of labor, 9,500; churches and stations, 1,231; sermons and addresses, 43,453; prayer meetings, 10,527; baptisms, 5,349; received by letter, 4,638; total additions, 9,687; Sunday schools organized, 424; teachers and pupils, 13,200; churches constituted, 244; houses of worship built, 143; pages of relig ous tracts distributed, 1,135,712; Bibles and Testaments furnished, 6,000. The contributions of the churches for this Board have not been what they expected or need in the future. There never was a time when the Board needed so much as now the most liberal support of the churches, so that it may meet the rapidly increasing demands of its work. Millions of capital are being invested in this South land of ours, and with it tens of thousands of people are coming to seek their fortune. They are of various creeds and of no creed at all. They are coming from every section of the globe, and if we retain our religious and civil liberty as transmitted to us by our fathers, we must christianize them by preaching the gospel to them, and if this Board is to do this, the Baptist churches of the Southern Convention must increase their contributions to it that more men may be employed to carry the work forward.

"A. C. DAVIS."

Letters are read and delegates enrolled from Olive Branch, Macedonia, Waxhaw and Pleasant Plain.

The hour has arrived for the report on Periodicals.

The writer is absent.

Bro. J. C. Caddell is requested to hand in a report on this subject after the discussion.

Bro. J. C. Caddell speaks in behalf of the Biblical Recorder.

Revs. W. G. Harmon, J. J. McLendon and A. C. Davis participated in the discussion also.

Subject passed over till the report is read.

On motion, the Association takes a recess for an hour.

Benediction by Rev. A. B. Caudle.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On reassembling, the congregation sings "Am I a

Soldier of the Cross?" and joins Rev. J. L. Bennett in prayer.

Moderator called the Association to order.

All visiting brethren are welcomed by the Moderator.

State and Foreign Missions are made special order for to-morrow (Saturday) at 10 o'clock a. m., to come up together under the head of Missions.

Rev. A. C Davis offers a resolution and makes a plea in behalf of worn-out and indigent Baptist n inisters :

RESOLVED, That the churches of this Association be requested to take a collection at some time during the year for the Ministers' Relief Board, located at Durham, N. C.

The resolution was adopted and a cash collection taken to the amount of $6.41.

The Association orders this subject placed on the list.

The writer on Education, J H. Benton, asks the Association to discuss the subject and allow him to hand in the report to-morrow, inasmuch as he did not know he was appointed to make the report.

Request granted, and Ministerial Education is discussed by J. C. Caddell, and General Education by Revs. A. C. Davis and J. J. McLendon.

Pledges were then called for from the delegates as to the amount they would try to raise in their respective churches for this purpose, when the following amounts were specified :

Beaver Dam, $1 ; Benton's X Roads, $1 ; Bethel, $1 ; Cane Creek, $1 ; Ebenezer, $1 ; Faulks, $1 ; Hamilton's X Roads, 75c ; New Salem, $1 ; Olive Branch, $1 ; Philadelphia, $1 ; Pleasant Plain, $3 ; Waxhaw, $1 ; Hermon, $3 ; Hopewell, $3 ; Liberty Hill, $1 ; Macedonia, $1 ; Meadow Branch, $5 ; Mt. Moriah, $1 ; Mt. Pleasant, $1 ; New Hope, $1 ; Oak Grove, 75c ; Pleasant Hill, $1 ; Shiloh, $2 ; total, $33.50.

Subject left over awaiting the report.

Rev. R. H. James moves that all speeches be limited to ten minutes, except those who represent special objects and the writer on each subject.

The following routine business was transacted :

The following delegates were appointed to attend the Baptist State Convention :

R. Redfearn, W. G. Long, Revs. A. C. Davis, A. Marsh, J. L. Bennett, G. W. Harmon, T. B. Phillips and R. H. James.

The Moderator appoints on the Executive Committee :

Rev. A. C. Davis, R. Redfearn, B. C. Ashcroft, O. M. Saunders and J. C. Sikes.

The Association elected Rev. J. A. Bivens to represent her in the next Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in Atlanta, Ga.

Alternate Rev. A. Marsh and the Clerk instructed to apportion the expenses of the delegate between the churches, and ask them to contribute that amount.

The letter is sent up from Mt. Moriah and read.

The Clerk was instructed to expend the money sent up for minutes for that purpose, deducting the usual amount for his services.

The Association ordered the Treasurer to pay all monies on hand out to the different objects for which it was sent up.

Association adjourns till 9 a. m. Saturday.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. A. Marsh.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 10, 1891.

Association met according to adjournment.

Religious exercises are conducted by Rev. R. H. James.

The proceedings of yesterday are read and approved.

Letter from Faulks Church is received and read.

Committee on Requests and Queries make the following report, which is received and adopted, as follows:

"Your Committee on Requests and Queries submit the following:

"Mt. Moriah, New Hope, Liberty Hill, New Salem, Cane Creek and Oak Grove all ask the prayers of this Association. Hopewell, Meadow Branch, Waxhaw, Mill Creek and Ebenezer all ask the Association to hold its next session with them. Herman asks help to build a house of worship. Cane Creek asks the Association to ordain Bro. B. F. King as Deacon of that church. All of which we submit.

"R. H. JAMES, Chairman.
"H. T. BAUCOM."

The Association joins Rev. A. B. Caudle in invoking the guidance and blessings of Him who seeth all things well in behalf of the churches requesting prayer.

The Association decides to hold its next session with the church at Waxhaw, N. C., on the G., C. and N. railroad, beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1892, Rev. A. B. Caudle to preach the introductory.

A cash collection amounting to $3.65 was taken up to aid Hermon in building.

The request of Cane Creek was returned to the church, the Brother whom she asked to be ordained not being present.

Visiting brethren invited to seats with us. Rev. M. S. Kesler, representing the Colparture and Sunday School work, and Rev. J. D. Newton, representing the Baptist Orphanage, accepted.

The hour for the discussion of State and Foreign Missions having arrived—the writers being absent—Elder M. S. Kesler is requested to prepare the report on Foreign Missions, and Bro. J. C. Caddell on State Missions.

While the reports were being prepared, the subjects were discussed by Revs. M. L. Kesler, A. B. Caudle, R. H. James, A. C. Davis and G. W. Harmon.

J. C. Caddell reads the report on State Missions and makes a speech.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

"The object of State Missions is to give the gospel to the destitute sections of our own State, and to aid such churches as are not able to sustain themselves. The State Mission Board has had under its direction during the present year 118 men preaching the gospel. These men, under the direction of the Board, have built 50 new Baptist churches, and have baptized into their churches about 1,000 members. This is a noble work, and its efficiency and success depend upon the support the Board receives from the churches of our Association. Brethren of the Union Association, what are you doing to help in this work? Freely ye have received, freely give.

"J. C. CADDELL."

On motion, the report is adopted.

Rev. J. N. Stallings, representing High Point Female College, is welcomed by the Moderator.

Elder M. S. Kesler reads the report on Foreign Missions.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Foreign Missions, to Southern Baptists, mean the preaching of the gospel to Mexico, Italy, South America, Africa, China and Japan. These fields represent the majority of the people of the globe. The first need is more information on the work of the foreign field. The people never will give till they know what they are giving for. This responsibility rests upon the teachers of the denomination. But, more than all, do we need the spirit of obedience to our Master, who said: 'Go ye into all the world

and preach the gospel to every creature.' Coming to Christ involves going to somebody else.

"M. L. KESLER, for Committee."

The report on Foreign Missions was adopted as read.

The roll of churches was called and the following pledges made for State and Foreign Missions:

	STATE.	FOREIGN.
Monroe	$40 00	$25 00
Meadow Branch	20 00	10 00
Hopewell	5 00	3 00
Bethel	5 00	3 00
Pleasant Plain	2 00	1 00
Hermon	5 00	5 00
Mt. Pleasant	5 00	2 00
Beaver Dam	6 00	4 00
Benton's X Roads	2 00	2 00
Philadelphia	2 00	2 00
Macedonia	7 00	5 00
Cane Creek	1 00	1 00
New Hope	3 00	2 00
Ebenezer	3 00	2 00
Mill Creek	5 00	3 00
Pleasant Hill	2 00	3 00
Liberty Hill	2 00	2 00
Waxhaw	3 00	2 00
New Salem	2 00	2 00
Olive Branch	5 00	2 00
Hamilton's X Roads	1 00	1 00
Mt. Moriah	1 00	1 00
Faulks	5 00	2 00
Oak Grove	3 00	2 00
Shiloh	7 00	3 00
Total	$142 00	$90 00

The report on the Orphanage is written by Elder J. L. Bennett, and in his absence is read by Rev. A. B. Caudle:

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

"We often hear complaint of hard times from people endowed with strength, physically and mentally—men of courage and manhood. If they have any grounds for complaint, what must it be with poor little orphan children, who have to contend with the stern realities of cold charity—with no one to depend on for the support of their bodies or the development of their mental faculties? The Orphanage at Thomasville has many children already to

take care of, and there are many more that ought to be cared for. The question is, How are they to be provided for? The churches must come to the aid of these helpless orphans, and support the institution with our means which the Lord has given us. Respectfully,

"J. L. BENNETT."

On motion to adopt was discussed by Rev. J. D. Newton.

A hat collection was taken and $21.80 raised for the Orphanage.

While the collection is being taken, Rev. R. H. James makes a speech on the report, after which the report was adopted.

On motion, Rev. J. N. Stallings was given the first half hour after recess to present the claims of Female Education.

Association adjourned till 1 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

While the congregation is reassembling, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" is sung.

Rev. A. Marsh leads in prayer.

The Moderator calls the Association to order.

Rev. J. N. Stallings addresses the body on Female Education.

The writer on Education, being sick, fails to send in his report.

The Association requests that the report be handed to the Clerk by the writer after the Association adjourned.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

"One of the most important subjects that claims our attention as a denomination is Ministerial Education. The Educational Board aided 37 young ministers last year and 40 are being helped this year, and others are asking aid. It is said that a more promising band of young ministers never attended Wake Forest than are now there, but without an increase of funds many of these will have to leave before receiving that training to study and thought which every man called of God to the gospel ministry feels so sensibly his needs of. No agency has done more for the cause of truth in North Carolina than this Board of Education. Hence, realizing our great responsibility and seeing the untold good that may be accomplished in the great work of our Master, we urge our people to increase their contributions to this worthy object.

"Respectfully submitted, J. H. BENTON."

The report is adopted.

The report on Colporture being next in order, Elder T. B. Phillips reads the report:

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

"When we notice the large amount of literature that is pernicious in its nature flooding into our country through the mails and other agencies, we are compelled to acknowledge that the distribution of pure religious literature is an absolute necessity. The market is full of good books, but also of books worthless and hurtful. The masses of the people in this South land of ours do not give sufficient thought as to the great need of pure reading matter being distributed in every district in the South. The Southern Baptist Convention, with the co-operation of the Baptist State Conventions, have made an effort to supply this long-felt want, but in order for these Conventions to accomplish the good they desire, they must have the hearty co-operation of the Associations and churches throughout the Southern States. This is an important feature of our mission work and ought not to be overlooked. The distribution of good literature can easily be seen. Our Board, for lack of sufficient means, could not employ men to this work in only about one-fourth of the Associations of our State during last year, and the reports of those brethren show that 897 families destitute of the Bible were supplied, and 961 Bibles given away to those who were unable to buy them. Our Board has employed only thirteen colporters this year, and not more than a half dozen of these are working all the time, on account of so little being contributed to this important work. Brethren, we who represent the different churches that compose the Union Association ought to see that we give this subject proper consideration during this session of our Association. We have made some efforts in this work for the past two or three years, but have not accomplished much good as yet for the want of money We have a man employed to this work in our Association, but we need not expect him to do the desired work until all the churches give liberal contributions. Respectfully submitted. T. B. PHILLIPS."

The report was discussed by Brethren M. L. Kesler, G. W. Harmon, J. J. McLendon, J. C. Caddell and J. M. Stallings. Report adopted.

Bro. J. C. Caddell reads the report on Periodicals, and, on motion, it is adopted.

REPORT ON PEDIODICALS.

"Realizing that there has never been a time in the

history of our denomination when there was so great a demand for the cultivation and training of our people, and believing this can only be done by the giving of them good and wholesome literature; therefore, we recommend the Biblical Recorder, which for the past fifty years has boldly and fearlessly defended the principles of the Baptists in North Carolina, as worthy of the liberal and generous support of our Baptist brethren all over the State. We also recommend the Fore gn Mission Journal and the Home Field as good mediums through which may be learned the progress of our work on the home and foreign fields. We heartily commend to all our people, Charity and Children. By reading it you will learn of the work and progress of the Orphanage, and the subscription will also materially aid in the support of the Orphanage.

"J. C. CADDELL, for Committee."

Rev. A. B. Caudle offers the following resolution, which is unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the church at Shiloh and this community for the cordial reception and hospitality extended to us during this session; also to the Moderater and Clerk for their efficient and faithful services.

The writer on Associational Missions, Bro. O. M. Saunders, being out on the Finance Committee, Rev. J. J. McLendon reads the report which is discussed by Brethren J. J. McLendon, G. W. Harmon, A. C. Davis, J. C. Caddell, O Rogers, J. D. Newton, T. B. Phillips and Milton Austin. Report adopted.

The committee on finance report having secured from the churches the following amounts:

Ministerial Education, $15; Colporture, $2; Orphanage, $11.67; Foreign Missions, $21.07; State Missions, $49.29; Home Missions, $36.02; Associational Missions, $9; Minute Fund, $33.79. Total, $177.84.

The Treasurer makes the same report as Finance Committee.

The Executive Board makes the following report, which is adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

"Your Board asks the State Mission Board to make appropriations to the following churches: Hermon, Oak Grove, Hamilton's X Roads and Monroe, and the following appropriations were made: Hermon, $50; Oak Grove, $50; Hamilton's X Roads, $25; Monroe, $150. The Brethren

supplying the above places were required to take regular collections for the State Board, but we are afraid that some of them have not done anything in this respect.

"EX. BOARD."

The following writers were appointed by the Moderator for next session:

Foreign Missions—F. M. Benton.
State Missions—W. E. L. Williams.
Home Missions—J. A. Hill.
Periodicals—M. B. Dry.
Education—James Long.
Orphanage—B. C. Ashcroft.
Colporture—J. W. Bivens.
Ministers' Relief—G. W. Harmon.

Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations were appointed as follows:

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus—R. H. James, I. Rowell, Milton Braswell.
Stanly—A. C. Davis, J. C. Sikes, R. H. James.
Moriah—M. C. King, A. C. Baker, A. T. Latta.
Anson—T. B. Liles, G. W. Harmon, J. W. Little.

Nothing of a historic nature having been furnished, the Historian, Rev. A. C. Davis has no report to make. On motion, the historian is discontinued.

The commitee on Religious Exercises report: Rev. J. N. Stallings to preach the missionary sermon Sunday, at 11 o'clock, a. m., and a collection be taken up for State Missions; Rev. G. W. Harmon to preach the afternoon sermon; and Rev. A. B. Caudle to conduct the Sunday School Mass Meeting at 10 o'clock, a. m.

To-day's minutes were read and approved.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at Waxhaw church, on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1892.

After singing the Doxology, the Association was dismissed with prayer by Bro. J. C. Caddell.

Everything considered, this was one of the most harmonious, instructive and prosperous meetings ever held by Union County Baptist Association.

J. A. BIVENS, MODERATOR.

R. REDFEARN, CLERK.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.		No. Scholars.	Officers & Teachers.	Total.	Papers & Les. Hlps. taken.	$ S. S. Contributions
Benton's X Roads	J. W. Benton, Unionville,	N. C.	45	6	51	120	$ 8 94
Beaver Dam	G. W. Stegall, Beaver Dam,	"	40	4	44	48	2 35
Bethel	W. B. Marsh, Beaver Dam,	"	20	4	24	24	4 00
Cane Creek	B. F. King, Waterloo,	"	45	5	50	.....	.....
Deep Spring	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ebenezer	G. W. Baucom, Baucom's,	"	51	9	60	5	7 00
Faulks	S. Ross, Monroe,	"	60	4	64	40	10 00
Hamilton's X Roads	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hermon	O. M. Saunders, Walkersville,	"	30	4	34	20	2 30
Hopewell	R. Pope, Long's Store,	"	80	6	86	86	9 77
Liberty Hill	H. W. Pusser, Zoar,	"	39	9	48	55	2 50
Macedonia	J. B. Mangum, Monroe,	"	59	7	66	40	12 00
Meadow Branch	B. C. Ashcroft, Monroe,	"	84	8	92	87	9 58
Mill Creek	J. M. Braswell, Monroe,	"	46	8	54	40	4 00
Monroe	F. B. Ashcraft, Monroe,	"	100	10	110	115	113 10
Mt. Pleasant	J. O. Griffin, Monroe,	"	67	6	73	31	3 15
Mt. Moriah	A. S. Price, Hornsboro,	S. C.	20	4	24	.....	.....
New Hope	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Salem	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oak Grove	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch	W. T. Sinclair, Olive Branch, N. C.		78	7	85	60	13 97
Philadelphia	M. C. King, Brown Creek,	"	25	5	30	20	1 40
Pleasant Hill	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Plain	W. S. Paxton, Matthews,	"	35	6	41	100	6 75
Shiloh	F. M. Sutton, Monroe,	"	80	8	88	23	.....
Waxhaw	S. C. Walters, Waxhaw,	"	45	10	55	90	31 87
			1049	130	1179	1049	242 68

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Owing to the inclement weather, the Sunday School Mass Meeting was dispensed with, also the evening sermon.

At 11 o'clock Rev. J. J. McLendon conducted a short prayer meeting, after which Rev. J. N. Stallings preached a very able and instructive sermon from the last clause of the last verse of the 28th chapter of Matthew. At the close of the sermon a hat collection was taken up for State Missions to the amount of $4.07. The congregation was dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. A. Hill.

CLERK.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	S. S. Board.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund	Grand Total.
Beaver Dam	$	$	$	$	$	$ 5 00	$2 92	$2 90	$	$	$2 00	$ 12 82
Benton's X Roads			1 00			25		1 50			1 00	3 75
Bethel	40 00		1 00			8 57	3 43			13 70	1 25	67 95
Cane Creek				1 00							50	1 50
*Pleasant Hill	30 00	10 00				2 00	2 00				75	44 75
Ebenezer	50 00		2 00			2 00	2 00			4 00	1 00	61 00
Faulks	40 25					2 00	2 00	1 70			1 50	47 45
Hamilton's X Roads	15 10						55	60			75	17 00
Hermon	25 00	3 00	2 00	2 00		3 50	2 00	1 50		24 00	50	63 50
Hopewell	100 00	262 61	3 00	3 15		14 30	6 56	3 00		21 61	2 00	416 23
Liberty Hill	50 00	3 50				1 00		1 00		1 00	1 50	58 00
Macedonia	84 00	9 20	2 00	1 80		7 85	3 95	1 85		4 45	2 00	117 10
Meadow Branch	150 00	92 77	5 00	3 47		20 76	7 40	6 87		22 45	3 00	311 72
Mill Creek	50 0	50	2 12	4 46		3 90	2 63	2 93		14 00	2 20	82 74
Monroe	484 16	675 00	6 50	15 00		35 00	22 00	6 12		34 86	2 10	1280 74
New Hope	30 00	11 50		1 75		3 00	1 42			10 00	1 25	58 92
New Salem	50 00							1 00		1 00	1 36	53 36
Oak Grove	50 00	7 70			2 00	2 25					1 00	62 95
Olive Branch		4 40	1 00			3 00	2 00		2 00	6 15	1 50	20 05
Philadelphia	95 00	12 30				2 50		4 00		6 48	2 50	122 78
Pleasant Plain	100 00	450 00	3 00								50	553 50
Shiloh	75 00	800 00				2 56	4 60	4 30			1 01	887 47
Waxhaw	128 82	22 90								27 59	1 05	180 36
Mt. Pleasant		20 00		50		1 00	1 00				57	23 07
Mt. Moriah	50 00							1 00			75	51 75
*Approximated.	1697 33	2385 38	28 62	33 13	2 00	120 44	66 46	40 27	2 00	194 29	33 54	4601 46

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	Sabbathof Preaching	Baptised.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Beaver Dam	Bennett and Snider, Monroe, N. C.	J. W. Caudle, Beaver Dam, N. C.	3rd	14	65	....	4	2	1	52	81	133
Benton's X Roads	.....	M. A. Helms, Unionville, "	3rd	.....	.....	....	3	....	....	35	38	73
Bethel	A. Marsh, Beaver Dam, "	H. B. Marsh, Beaver Dam, "	4th	2	1	....	1	....	2	16	24	40
Cane Creek	C. R. Carnes, Wild Cat, S. C.	M. F. Rollins, Waterloo, "	3rd	8	.....	1	2	....	....	19	31	50
*Deep Spring	M. R. Medlin, Love's Level, N. C.	M. F. Phifer, Peachland, "	2nd	8	2	....	3	....	2	19	53	72
Ebenezer	T. B. Phillips, Unionville, "	G. W. Baucom, Baucom's "	4th	2	2	....	.....	2	....	35	38	73
Faulks	Bennett and Snider, Monroe, "	J. F. Moore, Monroe, "	1st	5	1	....	2	2	....	53	82	135
Hamilton's X Roads	J. W. Little, Zoar, "	J. S. Griffin, Beaver Dam, "	2nd	2	.....	....	.....	1	....	6	12	18
Hermon	J. A. Hill, Ames, "	O. M. Saunders, Walker ville, "	1st	.....	3	....	.....	....	2	9	9	18
Hopewell	J. A. Bivens, Richardson Cr'k, "	W. L Biggers, Long's Store, "	1st	10	.....	....	5	3	1	59	81	140
Liberty Hill	J. W. Little, Zoar, "	H. W. Pusser, Zo r, "	1st	23	7	3	9	5	1	63	60	123
Macedonia	J. A. Bivens, Richardson Cr'k, "	J. B. Outen, Monroe, "	1st	17	14	1	.....	5	2	41	63	104
Meadow Branch	Davis and Bivens, O. Branch, "	H. C. Moore, Monroe, "	2nd	6	3	....	11	1	1	77	124	201
Mill Creek	J. A. Bivens, Richardson Cr'k, "	C. J. Braswell, Unionville, "	1&3	7	1	1	4	2	2	68	83	151
Monroe	G. W. Harmon, Monroe, "	G. M. Beasley, Monroe, "	Each	2	10	1	14	4	2	58	102	160
Mt. Moriah	C. R. Carns, Wild Cat. S. C.	W. A. Mills, Hornsboro, S. C.	1st	5	4	2	1	2	1	25	28	53
Mt. Pleasant	A. Marsh, Beaver Dam, N. C.	L. G. Parker, Lanes Creek, N. C.	2nd	2	2	1	4	3	1	27	42	69
New Hope	" " "	J. M. Austin, Richardson C eek, "	1st	8	3	....	1	4	....	28	47	75
New Salem	J. G Gulledge, Brown Cr'k, "	W. H. Long, Monroe, "	3r	8	2	3	3	....	....	21	24	45
Oak Grove	Snider and Bennett, Monroe, "	B. F. Keziah, Price's Mill, "	.....	15	6	1	.....	1	....	27	34	61
Olive Branch	E. L. Davis, Olive Branch, "	H. F. Baucom, Olive Branch, "	4th	.....	4	1	18	10	2	44	89	133
Philadelphia	D. A. Snider, Monroe, "	J. J. Cox, Brown Creek, "	4th	17	2	2	16	....	2	85	155	240
*Pleasant Hill	M. R. Medlin, Love's Level, "	J. M. Burmingham, Olive Branch, "	1st	11	2	3	15	3	1	30	59	89
Pleasant Plain	J. L. Bennett, Monroe, "	W. S. Paxton, Matthews, "	1&3	9	1	....	.....	....	2	22	48	70
Shiloh	A. C. Davis, Unionville, "	L. R. Helms, Monroe, "	2nd	2	4	1	4	5	1	65	72	137
Waxhaw	A. B. Caudle, Monroe, "	S. T. Adams, Waxhaw, "	.....	46	7	6	5	7	2	71	118	189
	*As represented last year.			231	156	27	135	62	27	1055	1597	2652

MINUTES

—OF THE—

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH THE—

Waxhaw Church, Union County, N. C.,

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PROCEEDINGS.

WAXHAW BAPTIST CHURCH,
Thursday, Oct. 4th, 1892.

The Union Association (Brown Creek) meets in its thirty-eighth annual session at Waxhaw Church, Union County, N. C.

The introductory sermon by Rev. A. B. Caudle, from Mark xi., 22, after which recess is taken for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. G. W. Harmon reads a part of 28th chapter of Matthew, 1st and 13th chapters Acts, and leads in prayer.

The Moderator, Rev. J. A. Bivens, called the Association to order.

The church letters are called for, and are read by Rev. G. W. Harmon and B. C. Ashcraft.

They are represented during the session as follows:

Antioch—J. A. Newton, J. H. Presson.

Bethel—J. B. Ashcraft, F. W. Ashcraft and J. A. Bivens.

Beaver Dam—A. Marsh, A. Phifer and W. A. Edwards.

Benton's Cross Roads—W. C. Simpson, G. D. Benton.

Cane Creek—I. S. Rape, H. D. King and B. F. King.

Ebenezer—J. E. Rowell and S. J. Rowell.

Faulks—R. C. Newsom and J. W. Haney.

Hermon—R. W. Flow, O. M. Sanders and Raymond Helms.

Hopewell—J. C. Sikes, Marcus Long and D. F. Helms.

Liberty Hill—H. W. Funderburk, H. M. Presson and M. F. Funderburk.

Macedonia—B. W. Baker, M. D. L. Preslar and A. C. Griffin.

Meadow Branch—T. J. Perry, N. W. Bivens and E. H. Williams.

Mill Creek—J. C. Baucom, R. A. Pusser and I. A. Clontz.

Monroe—R. Redfearn, J. J. Moody and A. B. Caudle.

Mt. Moriah—C. J. Rape.

Mt. Pleasant—L. G. Parker, J. Q. A. Little and H. G. Davis.

New Hope—J. C. T. Baucom, J. W. Pritchard and M. C. Austin.

New Salem—W. H. Long, A. J. Mullis and Wilshire Helms.

Oak Grove—O. Roger, J. B. Nash and L. Z. Gordon.

Olive Branch—H. T. Baucom, W. L. Parker and J. B. Staton.

Philadelphia—C. B. Autry and W. V. Simpson.

Pleasant Hill—R. A. Smith and G. M. Tucker.

Pleasant Plain—By letter.

Sandy Ridge—D. C. Montgomery, J. A. Melton and L. G. Fincher.

Shiloh—A. C. Davis, P. C. Fowler and J. S. Baucom.

Waxhaw—J. J. Godfrey, L. M. Riner and S. C. Walters.

The Moderator, Rev. J. A. Bivens, appoints Rev. A. C. Davis, J. B. Ashcraft, O. M. Sanders and R. H. James to wait on the delegations for the election of officers, and specially request that he be not re-elected.

The following officers were elected :

Moderator, B. C. Ashcraft ; Clerk, R. Redfearn ; Treasurer, O. M. Sanders.

The Moderator appoints the pastor and deacons of this church as Committee on Religious Exercises.

Rev. J. A. Bivens, O. M. Sanders and J. C. Sikes are appointed Committee on Church Reception.

Visiting brethren from sister Associations are invited to seats, and asked to participate in the discussions by the Moderator.

Revs. A. W. Crabtree reports himself from Mecklenburg and Cabarrus and F. O. B. Curtis from York.

Revs. R. H. James and R. E. Rowell report attending the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus, were cordially received.

By request, Rev. G. W. Harmon tells the Association of his visit to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Rev. J. A. Bivens, delegate to the convention, makes his report to the Association, tells of the grand work that body is doing, and what it expects us to do.

The Committee on Church Reception report Antioch and Sandy Ridge, recently organized churches, seeking admission into this body, orthodox, and recommend that they be received. On motion, they are received, the hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator, the letters read and delegates enrolled.

Rev. A. C. Davis tells the Association of the needs of Associational Missions.

On motion of Rev. A. B. Caudle, Associational Missions and Temperance are made subjects to come on the list.

To-morrow, 10 A. M., made special hour for Associational Missions—Rev. A. C. Davis to submit the report.

Rev. R. H. James is appointed to write report on Temperance.

The writer on Home Missions is absent. F. W. Ashcraft is appointed to prepare the report. The writer on Education is also absent. J. B. Ashcraft is appointed to make this report.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: Preaching tonight by Rev. F. O. B. Curtis.

Adjourned till 9:30 to-morrow. Benediction by Rev. A. B. Caudle.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

A prayer meeting service is held, conducted by Rev. A. W. Crabtree, after which Rev. F. O. B. Curtis, as previously announced, preaches an excellent sermon to a large audience from 59th Psalm, 16th verse.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 7, 1892.

Religious exercises conducted by Rev. W. M. Johnson, after which the Moderator calls the Association to order.

The minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Letter from Oak Grove is read and delegates enrolled.

Visitors are invited to seats by the Moderator. The following reported present: Bro. J. H. Mills, representing the Baptist Orphanage, Revs. J. W. Stallings, from High Point Female College, and W. M. Johnson, from Mecklenburg and Cabarrus.

Rev. A. B. Caudle moves that a committee of three be appointed to arrange the order of business. Moderator appoints Rev. A. B. Caudle, J. Q. A. Little, T. B. Little.

The hour for the report on Associational Missions has arrived. Rev. A. C. Davis reads the report. Pending the adoption is discussed by the writer, Revs J. B. Richardson, G. W. Harmon, J. A. Bivens, J. L. Bennett, O. Rogers and W. M. Johnson. The report adopted as follows:

Associational Missions, properly defined, is missions within the bounds of our Association. While the destitution in our county is not as great as it is in many portions of our State, yet a careful survey of the field will disclose the fact that there is quite a large territory in the western part of our county that is unoccupied by Baptists, and there are other points that are weak and need help. Brethren, the work is ours. In the Master's name, let us go in and posess the land. The command to us is given, begin at Jerusalem. Are we doing it?

A. C. DAVIS, Com.

On motion of A. C. Davis, the Association agrees to try to raise $150 for Associational Missions. The amount to be apportioned between the churches by the Executive Board.

On motion, all speeches are limited to 10 minutes, except the writer, on each subject, and those representing the different objects of the convention.

The following is reported as the order of business by the committee:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS—FRIDAY.

Orphanage, 11:30 A. M.; Home Missions, 12:15 P. M. 1 P. M.—Adjourn for one hour. Education, 2 P. M.; Colportage, 2:45 P. M.; 3 P. M., Routine Business.

SATURDAY.

Periodicals, 9:30 A. M; State Missions, 10:15 A. M.; Foreign Missions, 11:15 A. M.; 12:15, adjourn for one hour. Ministers' Relief, 1:15 P. M.; Temperance, 2:45 P. M.; Miscellaneous Business, 3:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CAUDLE, Ch'm'n.

The Moderator appoints the following committees:

Committee on Finance. O. M. Sanders, J. J. Moody and S. C. Walters.

Committee on Requests and Queries, Rev. J. A. Bivens, J. B. Ashcraft and M. C. Austin.

The writer, B. C. Ashcraft, reads the following report on the Orphanage.

The different Christian denominations disagree on many principles, but Christians of all creeds and orders agree and are a unit on one point, viz.: The help and support of the poor and needy. To minister to the orphan in his distress is a part of the Christian religion. This duty is so plain that I need not dwell upon it. Yonder at Thomasville, are the poor and needy orphans who must be clothed and fed and educated. Will the great Baptist denomination fold its arms and see our orphans in want? Whatever else may be brought against the Baptist denomination it cannot be said that she is negligent of her orphans. May God move us to do a still greater work for the fatherless children of our land.

Respectfully submitted,

B. C ASHCRAFT.

Motion to adopt was discussed by J. H. Mills, General Manager of the Baptist Orphanage, Revs. G. W. Harmon and J. A. Bivens. A cash collection is taken up

to the amount of $16.23 and the report adopted.

Rev. R. H. James moves that a committee of one be appointed to represent this work in their churches.

Antioch—J. H. Presson, Long's Store, N. C.; Beaver Dam, Mrs. Ella Griffin, Beaver Dam, N. C.; Benton's Cross Roads, Miss N. Benton, Unionville, N. C.; Bethel, Mrs. J. B. Ashcraft, Rock Rest, N. C.; Ebenezer, Miss Mary Rowel, Cleone, N. C.; Faulks, R. C. Newsom, Faulks, N. C.; Hermon, O. M. Sanders, Walkersville, N. C.; Hopewell, Misses Lizzie Griffin and Jannie Biggers, Oak Grove, N. C.; Liberty Hill, H. W. Funderburk, Dudley, S. C.; Macedonia, J. B. Mangum, Monroe, N. C.; Meadow Branch, Dan Mullis, Ames, N. C.; Mill Creek, C. D. Presley, Unionville, N. C.; Monroe, Rev. A. T. Latta, Monroe, N. C.; Mt. Pleasant, L. G. Parker, Lanes Creek, N. C.; New Hope, Mrs. Mark Austin, Negrohead, N. C.; New Salem, A. J. Mullis, Monroe, N. C.; Oak Grove, J. B. Nash, Potters, N. C.; Olive Branch, J. C. Gaddy, Olive Branch, N. C.; Pleasant Hill, G. M. Tucker, Reuben, N. C.; Pleasant Plain, W. S. Paxton, Matthews, N. C.; Philadelphia, M. C. King, Lanes Creek, N. C.; Sandy Ridge, J. H. Melton, Mt. Prospect, N. C.; Shiloh, Misses Jennie Rosser and Mary Benton, Monroe, N. C ; Waxhaw, J. J. Godfrey, Waxhaw, N. C.

The report on Home Missions is read by F. W. Ashcraft Motion to adopt is discussed by Revs. G. W. Harmon, A. B. Caudle, A. C. Davis, O. Rogers, F. O. B. Curtis and J. B. Richardson.

The roll of churches is called and the following persons appointed to represent this work in their respective churches.

Antioch, Miss M. E. York, Long's Store; Benton's Cross Roads. Miss Una Simpson, Unionville; Beaver Dam, W. A. Edwards, Beaver Dam; Bethel Miss Lu Ashcraft, Beave Dam; Cane Creek, M. J. Rollins, Waterloo; Ebenezer, J D. Helms, Raywood; Faulks, S. Ross, Faulks; Hermon, R. W. Flow, Walkup; Hopewell, Cora Dry, Nannie Austin, Long's Store; Macedonia B. W. Baker, Alton; Meadow Branch, B C. Ashcraft, Monroe; Mill Creek, Miss R. A. Baucom, Gibralter; Monroe, A. B. Caudle, Monroe; Mt. Pleasant, Rev. J. A. Sanders, Wolf Pond; New Hope, Mrs. M. M. Smith, Euto; New Salem, Wilshire Helms, Monroe; Oak Grove, L. Z. Gordon, Winchester; Olive Branch, H. F. Baucom, Olive Branch; Philadelphia, B F. Parker, Lanes Creek; Pleasant Hill, C. L. James, Reuben; Pleasant Plain, W. S. Paxton, Matthews; Shiloh, Miss Maggie Secrest, Baucom's; Sandy Ridge, D. C. Montgomery, Mt. Prospect; Waxhaw, S. C. Walters, Waxhaw, N. C.

The following is the report as adopted :

HOME MISSIONS.

The mission work of the Southern Baptists is in the hands of the Southern Baptist Convention, and by this convention it is divided into two great boards. One of these is called the Home Mission Board, and is located at Atlanta, Ga. The work of this board in the last decade has employed 2,692 missionaries; has constituted 2,290 churches; has organized 2,117 Sunday schools; has built 900 houses of worship. There has been 67,169 additions to the churches, and there has been received and expended $1,320,000. In a comparatively short time this board has established, in Cuba, six churches, with 2,250 members; has employed twenty-one missionaries in seventeen stations, carries on seven Sunday schools, with a large attendance, and one Girls' High School, with 100 pupils and six instructors. More than forty missionaries have been laboring in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma during the last year. Among the Germans and Mexicans, numerous in Texas, this board has aided in supporting missionaries. Two hundred and ninety-six missionaries have been employed by this board during the past year to work in fifteen Southern States. The Home Mission Board never was in greater need that it may meet the rapidly increasing demands of its work. F. W. ASHCRAFT.

The Association takes recess for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

While the Association is re-assembling the congregation sings a selection of music, Moderator reads a Psalm and Rev. R. H. James leads in prayer.

Letters from Cane Creek and Mt. Moriah are received, read, and delegates enrolled.

The report on Education is read by J. B. Ashcraft and adopted, after discussion by Revs. J. N. Stallings, G. W. Harmon, J. B. Richardson, O. Rogers and Bro. B. C. Ashcraft.

EDUCATION.

In this great, progressive, money-rushing age, an education is not only a great advantage, but it is a positive necessity. The man who at the present day goes out in life without an education is like a ship at sea without a rudder, a soldier upon the field of battle weaponless and defenseless. Therefore, it becomes us to give our children an education. I am fully persuaded that the father who gives his son or daughter a liberal education leaves them

an inheritance richer far than broad acres and hoarded gold. Train the mind and the heart of your child, and by so doing you leave him a patrimony which neither moths nor rust can corrupt, nor thieves break through and steal. Educate your child and you leave him a legacy which will last as long as the cycles of eternity shall roll. All classes and conditions of our people need an education, but especially do the ministers of the Gospel, those who are to teach the world, need an education. Brethren, let us stand by our needy young ministers and see that they are given an education. Let the Baptists of our land build schools and foster education, for upon an education, in a great measure, depends our life. Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ASHCRAFT.

The roll of churches is called and the following pledges are made: Bethel, $2; Hermon, $2; Hopewell, $2; Monroe, $5; Oak Grove, $1; Antioch, $1.

The writer on Colporture, J. W. Bivens, is absent, but sends in a report which is read by Rev. A. B. Caudle. Pending the adoption, is discussed by Revs. A. B. Caudle, O. Rogers, A. C. Davis and J. L. Bennett. The report is adopted.

COLPORTAGE.

Having for its object the distribution of Bibles and religious literature, this work commends itself to every thinking Christian. And, while we are endeavoring to enlarge our work in foreign fields, we should not overlook needed work at home. There is a great want of religious literature—especially denominational—in our midst. Many homes are entirely destitute of religious books; some, perhaps, even of the Bible; while secular newspapers, corrupting novels and "damnable heresies" (2 Peter 2:1), flood the land We should endeavor to supply this want, and counteract the influence of bad literature by introducing good books. Very little, if any, work has been done on this line during the past year in this Association. But some work has heretofore been done, and many homes now have the "Story of the Baptists," an excellent book, that would not otherwise have had it. Many Bibles and some other good books were disposed of. We would therefore recommend Colportage to the earnest consideration of this body, with the full assurance that Much good might be done by its prosecution. We need a man who, in the spirit of the Master, would enter every home, carrying the Word of God, and some of the works of His earnest followers, that our own members might be strengthened and de-

veloped; that the coming generation might know the truth as Baptists hold it; that all might know what Baptist principles have been worth to the world and what it has cost to maintain them. Respectfully submitted,

J. W Bivens.

A motion is made to appoint a committee of three to take this work in hand and devise some plan by which this work can be carried on more effectively.

Rev. A. B Caudle, R. Redfearn and J. J. Moody are appointed on said committee.

On motion, Rev. A. C. Davis, O. M. Sanders and B. W. Baker are appointed a Committee on Obituaries, by the Moderator.

The report of the Executive Board is made by Rev. A. C. Davis.

On motion, the Association adjourns untill 9 A. M. tomorrow.

Benediction by Rev. G. W. Harmon.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

At 7:30, Rev. J. B. Richardson preached to a large audience with great power, from Acts xvii., 31st verse.

THIRD DAY.

Saturday Morning, Oct. 8th, 1892.

The Association meets according to adjournment.

Rev. A. B. Caudle reads the 37th Psalm, Rev. J. N. Stallings leads in prayer; Moderator calls the Association to order; minutes of yesterday read and approved; letter from Liberty Hill is received, read and delegates enrolled. Visiting brethren are invited to seats. Bros. Funderburk and Massey are present from Mecklenburg and Cabarrus, J. C. Caddell, agent for the Biblical Recorder, are welcomed by Moderator, and requested to take part in our deliberations.

The report on Periodicals was written by Mark Dry and read by Marcus Long. On motion to adopt, is discussed by Bro. J. A. Caddell, Revs. A. C. Davis, J. L. Bennett and G. W. Harmon. Report adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Baptists of North Carolina need a general awakening along the line of religious education. In these times of political movements, when men and issues are discussed, we are too apt to become absorbed in great political problems to the almost entire neglect of religious duties. Our country is becoming flooded with political gossip and other

trashy literature, to the exclusion of good, religious periodicals. It is the high duty of the Baptists of North Carolina to support their denominational papers. The Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children should be the fireside companions of every true Baptist, for in them we learn of the workings of our denomination, both at home and in foreign lands. By taking Charity and Children, a little paper published in the interest of the Orphanage, we aid the poor unfortunate children of our State, and are enabled to ascertain their needs. Respectfully submitted,

M. B. Dry.

The writer on State Missions is absent. On motion, the discussion is gone into, and Bro. B. W. Baker asked to prepare a report and hand in The discussion is participated in by Rev. J. B. Richardson, G. W. Harmon, O. Rogers, A. B. Caudle, J. W. Little and Bro. B. W. Baker.

The writer on Foreign Missions is also absent. Rev. A. C. Davis is requested to prepare this report. This subject is discussed by Revs. J. B. Richardson and J. N. Stallings. At this point the report is read by the writer, and further discussed by Revs. A. C. Davis, G. W. Harmon, J. A. Bivens, J. R. Bennett and Bro. J. C Caddell. On motion, the report is adopted:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Southern Baptist Convention reported on the foreign Missions for the year 1881-2 twenty churches, 126 baptisms and 740 members. For 1891-2, seventy-four churches, 434 baptisms and 2,723 members. They have thus gained in the last ten years fifty-four churches and 1,983 members, an average of five churches and 198 members per year. During last year these 2,723 members gave for all purposes, $3,956.09 or $1.45 each. The Missionary Union of the Baptist Board of the North organized seventy-eight years ago, reports for 1891-2, 1,459 churches, 18,549 baptisms and 163,881 members in the foreign field. In seventy-eight years they have organized 1,459 churches, or eighteen per year, and have baptized 163,881 converts, or 2,100 a year. During the last three years they have organized 243 churches, or 47 per year, and increased 29,468 in membership, or 9,822 per year. In 1891-2 their 417 missionaries baptized 18,549 persons, or 44 each, and their 163,881 members gave for all purposes $244,359.92, or $1.49 each. On the foreign field, fostered by Northern and Southern Baptists there are 1,533 churches which report for the past year 18,983 baptisms, or twelve each, while 16,684 white churches in the Southern Baptist Convention

report 84,076 baptisms, or five each, and the 35,890 churches, white and colored, in the United States, baptized 160,247, or four each. One hundred years ago there was one Missionary society. Now, in all denominations, there are more than 100; then there was one missionary; now, 7,900 and 1,000 more who have offered to go; then there was not a single convert; now there are a million; then there was given for missions $65; now, last year $12,500,000. The American Baptist Year Book for 1892, says the Disciples, Methodists, North and South, Presbyterians, North, South and Cumberland, and the Protestant Episcopalians have in the foreign field, 79,846 communicants, while the Baptists have exclusive of 80,284 in European countries, which is the direct result of missionary labor. The Baptists have 18,956 more members than all four of the denominations mentioned. These four denominations have 1,434 missionaries; the Baptists 475, or less than one-third as many; they report for last year 10,064 converts, the Baptists report 10,313, or more than all four of the other denominations; they gave last year $2,463,313, the Baptists gave less than one-fourth as much money as they; in other words, the Baptists spent less than one-fourth the money that they spent, and yet the Lord blessed them above all four of the others. One million souls have been saved in the last hundred years through missionary efforts. Are we doing our duty as an Association in this great work? The command is to go and preach the Gospel to every creature.

Respectfully, A. C. Davis.

The report on State Missions is read and adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

The object of State Missions is to give the Gospel to the destitute sections of our State, and to aid such churches as are unable to sustain themselves. The State Mission Board has had under its direction during the present year, about 100 men preaching the Gospel; fifty new churches have been built, and 1,000 members have been baptized. There is still great destitution of Baptist preaching in some sections of our State, and there is now the necessity of early and enlarged contributions to meet the emergencies of the Board. We recommend that efforts be made to secure from every member of every church of this Association regular contributions to the cause of State Missions.

B. W. Baker.

A cash collection is taken up for State Missions to the amount of $4.87.

The list of churches is called, and the following amounts pledged for the coming year:

	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Antioch	$1 00	$1 00
Benton's Cross Roads,	1 50	1 50
Beaver Dam	5 00	5 00
Bethel	5 00	5 00
Ebenezer	2 00	1 00
Faulks	3 00	3 00
Hermon	5 00	5 00
Hopewell	5 00	5 00
Liberty Hill	1 00	1 00
Macedonia	3 00	5 00
Meadow Branch	20 00	10 00
Mill Creek	2 00	1 00
Monroe	25 00	20 00
New Salem	2 00	2 00
Oak Grove	2 00	1 00
Philadelphia	3 00	2 00
Pleasant Plain	2 00	1 00
Shiloh	4 00	4 00
Total	$91 50	$72 50

The Association takes a recess of one hour. Benediction by Rev. J. B. Richardson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

A selection of music is sung while the Association is re-assembling; Rev. A. C. Davis reads a part of the 19th chapter of Luke and leads in prayer.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announce preaching tonight by Rev. J. W. Little. Tomorrow, Sunday, 11 A. M., preaching by Rev. J. N. Stallings; 2 P. M., by Rev. J. L. Bennett.

The report on Ministers' Relief is submitted by Rev. G. W. Harmon, and on motion to adopt, is discussed by the writer, Revs. A. B. Caudle and O. Rogers. A cash collection is taken up for Rev. W. C. Owen, and $7.87 raised. The report is then adopted.

BAPTIST MINISTERS' RELIEF BOARD.

Reason and the Bible teach that we should sympathize with and care for the needy poor, and especially when they are of the household of faith. Under both dispensations, provision is made for the support of ministers of religion. The New Testament enjoins the duty of praying

for and in behalf of preachers of the Gospel. In it we are commanded to remember, esteem and obey them, and to share with them in all good things. From the foregoing we infer the obligation to provide a comfortable support for worthy, needy ministers who have worn themselves out in the work of the Master. Recognizing this duty, the North Carolina Baptist State Convention appointed a board, composed of nine persons, located in the town of Durham, and charged them with the work of affording aid and relief to needy Baptist ministers of North Carolina and their widows. At the last session of the Convention a resolution was adopted containing the following: "That our churches throughout the State be requested to contribute as regularly for the work of the Ministers' Relief Board as for any other denominational work." Brethren, have we in the past met our obligations to God's faithful and needy servants? In the future let us do our duty in this matter. G. W. HARMON.

The report on Temperance is next read by Rev. R. H. James, who leads in the discussion, followed by Revs. A. B. Caudle, O. Rogers and Bro. J. B. Nash.

The following is the report as adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

In this progressive age the evil of intemperance lies more in the so-called moderate use and making and selling of intoxicating liquors, than in open drunkenness. Such is doing more evil in our churches and State than the drunkenness—from the fact that the first-class carry more influence than the drunkard. While we may pity the poor drunkard, we should censure the moderate dram-drinker, because his doings are the basis or beginning of all drunkenness. In Isaiah 5:11, God says, "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink." In Prov. 21:1, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise," and in Heb 2:15, 'Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink," and in First Thes. 5:22, we have this command, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." These passages justify us in recommending to our churches that they take more advanced steps in meeting these evils by using a stricter discipline. R. H. JAMES.

The writers for next session, delegates to the Baptist State Convention and Executive Board, are appointed:

WRITERS FOR 1893.

Foreign Missions, Bruce Benton; State Missions, V. D.

Sikes; Associational Missions, B. W. Baker; Home Missions, Mark Long; Temperance, Randolph Redfearn; Periodicals, S. C. Walters; Orphanage, R. H. James; Colportage, J. L. Bennett; Ministerial Relief, B. C. Ashcraft; Education, Jas. H. Williams.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION.

B W. Baker, Hugh Long, A. B. Caudle, A. Marsh, G. W. Harmon, F. W. Ashcraft, D. A. Snyder, R. Redfearn and B. C. Ashcraft.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Rev. A. C. Davis, R. Redfearn, O. M. Sanders, T. J. Williams and J. C. Sikes.

The Association elects Rev. J. L. Bennett as her delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention; alternate, A. B. Caudle. The Clerk is instrueted to divide the necessary expenses of said delegate among the different churches, and ask them to contribute that amount.

The Committee on Obituaries make their report, which is adopted:

Your Committee on Obituaries beg to submit the following: We find from the reports in the letters that there has been nineteen deaths during the past Associational year, and among that number was the Rev. J. A. Hill, who was born in Newberry county, S. C., February 22, 1819, and died February 16, 1892; age 72 years, 11 months and 24 days. He had been in the ministry of the Baptist denomination for about forty-five years. He moved from his native State to the State of Alabama, in about the year 1859 or '60. There he served in the Legislature during the late war. In the year 1879 or '80 he moved to Texas, where he lived for eight years; in 1888 he came to North Carolina and united with the Waxhaw church; in 1890 he joined the Hermon Baptist church, of which he remained a member up to his death. He was a man of great intellectual power. He had several pastorates in South Carolina, some in Alabama and Texas. He served the Waxhaw and Hermon churches in this Association. He was a man of indomitable will power; he had opinions of his own, and dared to defend them. His style was more on the military order than that of most men. He was a good, practical preacher, and faithful as a pastor, exemplary in his life and just in his dealings with his fellow men. We commend his widow and children to the care of that God whom he served, and in the faith of whom he died.

A. C. Davis, Chairman of Committee.

The Committee on Finance report the following amount has passed through their hands to the Treasurer:

Aged Ministers' R. B., $6.65; Ministerial Education, $9.31; Home Missions, $4.82; Foreign Missions, $38.05; State Missions, $74.12; Orphanage, $19.12; Minute Fund, $27.31. Total, $179.38.

O. M. SANDERS,
Chairman Finance Committee.

The report is received by the Association.

The Treasurer reports as follows, which is adopted:

Aged Ministers' R. B., $6.65; Ministerial Education, $9.31; Home Missions, $4.82; Foreign Missions, $38.05; State Missions, $78.99; Orphanage, .50; Minute Fund, $27.31. Total, $165.63.

O. M. SANDERS,
Treasurer of Board.

The Treasurer is ordered to pay all money on hand to the different objects for which it was paid in.

The report of the Committee on Requests and Querries which is adopted as found below:

Monroe and Hopewell churches cordially invite the next session of this body to be held with them.

Mt. Moriah asks for a letter of dismission from this body to join the Chesterfield Association.

Sandy Ridge, Liberty Hill, Oak Grove and Antioch desire the prayers of this body.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. BIVENS,
M. C. AUSTIN,
J. B. ASHCRAFT.

Rev. R. H. James offers the following resolution, which is unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered the Waxhaw church and this community for their kind reception and generous hospitality extended us during this session; also to the Moderator and Clerk for their efficient and faithful services.

On motion, the Association changes its time of meeting from Thursday before the second Sunday in October to Thursday before the second Sunday in November, and desires to hold its next session with the church at Monroe; Rev. A. C. Davis to preach the introductory, Rev. J. L. Bennett, alternate.

Mt. Moriah is granted a letter of dismission to join the Chesterfield Association.

The Clerk is allowed the usual fee for his services.

Revs. A. C. Davis, J. L. Bennett, A. B. Caudle and Bro. A. Phifer are appointed visitors to the Anson Association; Rev. J. L. Bennett to the Chesterfield; Revs. R. H. James, J. E. Rowell and A. S. J. Rowell to the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus; J. C. Sikes, to the Stanly; O. M. Sanders, to the Moriah.

On motion, it is ordered that a collection be taken up tomorrow for State Missions.

Bro. B. W. Baker is appointed to conduct a Sunday school mass meeting tomorrow, 10 A. M.

While the congregation sings "God be with you till we meet again," the Association takes the parting hand, which is very solmen, impressive, and greatly enjoyed. Bro. J. C Caddell leads in prayer in behalf of the churches, asking the prayers of the Association.

Thus closed an excellent and very largely attended session of the Union Association.

R. REDFEARN, CLERK. B. C. ASHCRAFT, MODERATOR.

Owing to a wind storm there was no services Saturday night.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

10 A. M., Sunday school mass meeting conducted by B. W. Baker. Short speeches were made by J. L Bennett, A. B. Caudle, R. Redfearn, W. M. Johnson and others. By this time the house is filled to overflowing; a recess is given for ten minutes.

11:30, Rev. J. N. Stallings preached to the immense audience from Dan. 1:44 and Rev. 1:11-15, holding their undivided attention. The audience is waited on and $5.73 collected for State Missions.

A recess is taken for one hour, after which Rev. J. L. Bennett preached from Rom. 8:28. CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	Sabbath of Preaching	Baptized.	Rec'd by Let.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Antioch	A. C. Davis	A. A. Baucom, Long's Store	4th	.....	...	....	.....	....	....	8	8	16
Beaver Dam	Snider and Marsh..	Jas. W. Caudle, Beaver Dam	3d	19	8	....	2	....	....	57	99	156
Benton's Cross Roads..	J. A. Bivens	M. A. Helms, Unionville	2nd	4	....	....	2	3	....	32	40	72
Bethel	" "	H. B. Marsh, Beaver Dam	4th	5	2	....	1	1	1	18	28	46
Cane Creek	C. R. Carns	M. F. Rollins. McCarns	3d	10	....	....	1	1	....	22	32	54
Ebenezer	T. B. Philips	G. W. Baucom, Unionville	1st	6	1	....	.....	1	1	34	43	77
Faulks	R. H. James	J. F. Moore, Faulks	1st	30	1	....	15	1	...	57	92	149
Hermon	J. J. McLendon	O. M. Sanders, Walkersville	1st	3	....	....	2	....	1	9	9	18
Hopewell	A. C. Davis	W. L. Biggers, Long's Store	1st	14	3	....	8	2	....	60	83	143
Liberty Hill	J. W. Little	H. W. Funderburk, Dudley, S. C...	1st	10	2	1	8	6	1	51	75	126
Macedonia	D. A. Snider	J. B. Outen, Monroe	4th	5	2	....	4	....	1	45	61	106
Meadow Branch	Richardson, Davis.	H. C. Moore, Rock Rest	2nd	114	1	1	9	....	1	85	126	211
*Mill Creek	J. A. Bivens	C. J. Braswell, Unionville	.....	.....	...	....	.....	....	....	68	83	151
Monroe	G. W. Harmon	G. M. Beasley, Monroe	EACH	.....	6	....	5	6	1	54	94	148
Mt. Pleasant	A. B. Caudle	L. G. Parker, Lanes Creek	2nd	5	2	...	6	2	....	23	45	68
*New Hope	A. Marsh	J. M. Austin, Richardson's Creek..	1st	.....	..	....	.....	....	....	28	47	75
New Salem	J. G Gulledge	W. H. Long, Monroe	3d	2	7	1	.....	2	1	21	31	52
Oak Grove	J. L. Bennett	L. Z. Gordon, Winchester	1st	.....	5	1	3	1	....	26	35	61
Olive Branch	E. L. Davis	H. F. Baucom, Olive Branch	4th	.....	4	....	5	7	1	41	84	125
Philadelphia	D. A. Snider	J. J. Cox, Brown Creek	4th	7	11	....	15	4	....	84	123	207
Pleasant Hill	R. H. James	G. M. Tucker, Olive Branch	1st	.....	3	....	5	3	1	19	41	60
Pleasant Plain	D. A. Snider	W. S. Paxton, Matthews	2nd	7	....	1	2	1	1	27	40	67
Sandy Ridge	J. W. Little	D. C. Montgomery, Mt. Prospect..	3d	45	4	....	.....	....	....	25	27	52
Shiloh	A C. Davis	N. R. Helms, Monroe	2nd	6	1	1	8	10	1	58	80	138
Waxhaw	A. B. Caudle	Jno. H. Godfrey, Waxhaw	3d	6	5	8	.....	24	2	73	112	185
				198	68	14	101	74	14	1025	1638	2663

*Letters misplaced.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastors' Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministeri'l Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	State Missions	Foreign Missions.	Home Missio's	Poor.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Ministers' Relief	Grand Total.
Antioch				$ 50	$1 00	$ 50				$ 50		$2 50
Beaver Dam	$50 00	$128 00	$1 00	1 00	6 00	4 00	4 00			2 00		196 00
Benton's X Roads,	40 00	25 00		2 00	2 00	2 00				1 00	$2 10	74 10
Bethel	36 00		1 00	3 76	5 25	3 25	5 15		$9 95	1 25	2 10	67 71
Cane Creek					50		1 00			50		2 00
Ebenezer	40 00				2 00	2 00			3 00	75		47 75
Faulks	70 00	26 00			5 00	2 00				1 50		104 50
Hermon	55 00		3 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	1 00		10 00	40		80 40
Hopewell	100 00	1 00	4 00	1 01	5 12	3 00	3 00	14 45	24 82	2 10		158 50
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*New Hope										1 66		66
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Oak Grove	35 00				3 00	2 00			1 16	70		41 86
Olive Branch			1 00		5 00	2 00	2 00		4 60	90		15 50
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Pleasant Hill					2 00	3 00			9 00	75		14 75
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Shiloh		8 50			2 80	3 00				1 00		15 30
Waxhaw	75 00	37 69	1 00		1 50	2 50	7 62		25 00	1 60		151 91

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	No. of Scholars	Officers and Teachers.	Total.	Papers & less'n helps taken.	S. S. Contributions.
Antioch	J. A. Presson, Long's Store	25	4	29		
Benton's Cross Roads	J. W. Benton, Raywood	46	7	53	25	$ 4 50
Bethel	F. W. Ashcraft, Beaver Dam	27	4	31	30	3 70
Beaver Dam	A. Marsh, "	50	6	56		5 00
Cane Creek	B. F. King, Waterloo	26	4	30		
Ebenezer	J. S. Baucom, Baucom's	43	9	52	40	3 60
Faulks	R. C. Newsom, Faulks	45	7	52	40	4 00
Hermon						
Hopewell	R. Pope, Oak Grove	67	6	73	64	47
Liberty Hill	A. M. Blagburn, Irvington, S. C.	50	6	56	42	4 00
Macedonia	N. A. Funderburk, Monroe	43	10	53	42	5 68
Meadow Branch	B. C. Ashcraft & J. H. Williams, Monroe	166	16	182	124	71
Mill Creek						
Monroe	F. B. Ashcraft, Monroe	125	10	135	180	55 69
Mt. Pleasant	L. A. Osborne, Zoar	50	5	55	62	2 70
New Hope						
New Salem						
Oak Grove	J. F. Gordon, Winchester	44	6	50	27	2 67
Olive Branch	J. W. Dees, Olive Branch					
Philadelphia	J. L. Autry, Brown Creek	40	4	44		
Pleasant Hill	T. B. Birmingham, Olive Branch	30	7	37	16	1 35
Pleasant Plain	W. S. Paxton, Matthws	30	5	35		
Sandy Ridge	J. A. Melton, Mt. Prospect	90	8	98	50	6 50
Shiloh	F. M. Sutton, Monroe	75	8	83	30	5 00
Waxhaw	E. G. Yarborough, Waxhaw	77	7	84	86	9 15
		1149	139	1288	858	$124 72

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OF THE

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OF THE

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Davis, E. L.,	Olive Branch,	" "
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Gulledge, J. G.,	Brown Creek,	" "
James, R. H.,	Reuben,	" "
Latta, A. T.,	Monroe,	" "
Little, J. W.,	Zoar,	
Long, James,		" "
Marsh, A.,	Beaver Dam,	" "
Snider, D. A.,	Beaver Dam,	

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Rowell, J. E.,	Cleone,	" "
Snider, J. W.,	Monroe,	" "

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 9, 1893.

OPENING SESSION.

At 11 A. M., services open. Song, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" Dr. C. Durham, by request of Moderator, leads in prayer. Eleer A. C. Davis preaches the Introductory sermon from 1 Cor. xv., 58. Prayer by Elder M. A. Adams.

On motion, a recess is taken for 1½ hours.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator, B. C. Ashcraft, calls the Association to order.

The church letters are presented by the Messengers. By request they are read by Elder M. A. Adams and Prof. H. E. Copple, and the following enrollment made by the Clerk at this time and afterward:

Antioch—J. H. Presson, J. M. York, A. A. Baucom.

Benton's Cross Roads—T. H. Benton, J. H. Trull, G. D. Benton.

Bethel—H. B. Marsh, J. A. Bivens.

Beaver Dam—J. W. Caudle, H. E. Copple, J. L. Griffin.

Cane Creek—Not represented.

Deep Spring—H. A. Mullis, S. W. Birmingham, W. A. Sinclair.

Ebenezer—W. A. Chaney, S. J. Rowell, S. H. Pyron.

Faulks—D. A. Snider, A. A. Hasty, R. C. Newsom.

Hermon—J. J. McLendon, B. W. Flow, M. A. Helms.

Hopewell—J. B. Duncan, V. D. Sikes, D. F. Helms.

Liberty Hill—James Guin, John Loyde, E. B. Walden.

Macedonia—N. A. Funderburk, D. A. Outon, J. B. Mangum.

Meadow Branch—J. C. Williams, S. A. Williams, J. L. Griffin.

Mill Creek—I. A. Clontz, T. F. James, J. P. Pusser.

Monroe—A. T. Latta, R. Redfearn, J. C. Fletcher.

Mt. Harmony—J. E. Sistare, J. A. Helms, J. C. Helms.

Mount Pleasant—J. Q. A. Little, B. L. Godwin.

New Hope—J. T. C. Baucom, W. A. Tarlton, F. A. Austin.

New Salem—Not represented.

Oak Grove—E. V. Polk, L. Z. Gordon, J. F. Gordon.

Olive Branch—By Letter.

Philadelphia—J. J. Cox, M. C. King.

Pleasant Hill—J. M. Birmingham, W. B. Smith.

Pleasant Plain—W. S. Paxton, A. J. Shannon, R. Hartis.

Sandy Ridge—J. W. Little, J. B. Nash, C. A. Montgomery.

Shiloh—W. T. Hays, N. R. Helms, M. Pusser.

Waxhaw—J. E. Rowell, W. J. McGuirt.

The Moderator announces that the next business in order is

ORGANIZATION.

For this purpose Elder A. B. Caudle and J. C. Fletcher are appointed tellers for Moderator. Rules are suspended, and Clerk and Treasurer are elected by acclamation. Result: (See second page.)

The officers-elect tender thanks for the confidence and honor conferred. Elder M. A. Adams, in behalf of the church, welcomes the Association.

On motion, the constitution is changed so as to allow all ministers belonging to this Association the same privileges as regularly elected messengers, and the word delegate changed to messenger.

Moderator announces the following committees:

Order of Business—Elders M. A. Adams, A. B. Caudle, A. T. Latta.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons of this church.

Church Reception—Elders J. L. Bennett and J. W. Little and Prof. H. E. Copple.

On invitation, the following, at this time, and during the Association, accept seats with and participate in the deliberations of the body, viz.:

J. C. Caddell, agent BiblicaI Recorder; Dr. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention; J. H. Mills, Superintendent Baptist Orphanage; B. S. Peterson, agent for North Carolina Baptist; Elders Crabtree and John-

son, Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association ; Dr. C. E. Taylor, Wake Forest College ; Prof. F. P. Hobgood, Oxford Female Seminary ; Elder W. R. Gwaltney, Wake Forest—Ministerial Education ; Dr. W. R. Barnett, of the Methodist church; Elder G. O. Willhoit, Pee Dee Association; Dr. Sampson, Presbyterian Missionary; Rev. H. M. Dixon, of the Presbyterian church.

The Committee on Church Reception reports Mt. Harmony authodox, and recommends its reception.

On motion, this church is received and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

Reports of messengers and visitors to the Southern Baptist and State Conventions and Sister Associations were then heard.

Elder J. L. Bennett reports a very pleasant and profitable session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Elder J. W. Little visited the Chesterfield and was cordially received.

Several brethren report having had a pleasant visit to the Pee Dee Association.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow," was sung, after which adjourned till 7, P. M., with benediction by Dr. C. Durham.

EVENING SESSION.

Sang, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." Elder A. W. Crabtree reads 1st Psalm and leads in prayer.

V. D. Sikes reads the report on

STATE MISSIONS.

If I mistake not, the object of the State Mission Board is to give the gospel to the destitute places in the bounds of North Carolina, and to assist such churches as are unable to support themselves. The great good that has been accomplished in the past by the help of the State Mission Board, cannot be over-estimated. In more than one hundred towns and cities in North Carolina the results and evidences of the wisdom of State Missions are seen. Then, too, there are more than three hundred Baptist Churches in the country that were started or aided by this Board. Oh, that we could estimate the good that State Missions has accomplished in the past ! Great praise and honor be due the names of Ray, Durham, and others, who have managed this Board so successfully and well. This Board has had under its control during the past year about one hundred men preaching the gospel. About sixty churches have been organized and 1100 have been baptised. There are yet large destitute places in the State that need to be

worked up. Then let us as an Association do more along this line than we have in the past. Only seven more years in the present century. What can be done in the closing years of the world's greatest century? Can we not redouble our efforts and place a Baptist church within the reach of all in North Carolina. Respectfully submitted,

DICK SIKES.

Motion to adopt is discussed by Dr. C. Durham. While a selection of music is being sung a collection is taken up to the amount of $7.30. The roll of churches is called and promise to try to raise the following amounts:

Antioch, $1 00; Beaver Dam, $5 00; Bethel, $5 00; Benton's X Roads, $1 00; Hopewell, $5 00; Macedonia, $5 00; Mill Creek, $2 00; Faulks, $3 00; Hermon, $5 00; New Hope, $1 00; Monroe, $30 00; Oak Grove, $2 00; Philadelphia, $2 00; Pleasant Hill (paid), $1 00; Pleasant Plain, $2 00; Sandy Ridge, $1 00; Shiloh, $1 00; Waxhaw, $8 00; Mt. Harmony, $4 00; Deep Spring, $1 00; Total, $86 00.

The report is adopted.

Committee on Order of Business makes the following report:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

9:30 to 10, A. M.—Devotional Exercises.
10 to 11—Periodicals.
11 to 12—Home Missions.
12, M., adjourn to 2, P. M.
2, P. M.—Associational Missions.
2:45—Orphanage.
3:30—Temperance.
7, P. M.—Education.
Saturday, 9, A. M.—Devotional Exercises.
9:30—Colportage.
10—Foreign Missions.
11—Ministers' Relief Board.
12—Adjourn.
2, P. M.—Miscellaneous Business.
7—Sermon.

M. A. ADAMS, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted.

The following committees are announced:

Finance—O. M. Sanders, H. E. Copple, J. F. Gordon.

Obituaries—R. H. James, V. D. Sikes, D. A. Snider.

Requests and Queries—A. Marsh, M. C. King, J. B. Mangum.

Sang, "All Hall the Power of Jesus' Name."

Elder M. A. Adams pronounces the benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING'S SESSION.

Sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Devotional exercises thirty minutes, conducted by Elder G. O. Wilhoit. Clerk reads minutes of yesterday, which are approved. Prof. H. E. Copple reads the Report on Periodicals:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

At no time in the history of our denomination has the necessity for the better training and greater development of our people been so keenly felt as now. Realizing that the religious press may be a great factor in the accomplishment of this end, we would urge that every Baptist family in the bounds of this Association take and read as much good literature as possible. We especially recommend that every Baptist family, which can possibly do so, take the Biblical Recorder, the organ of our Convention, and which, for the last sixty years, has been the faithful exponent of Baptist principles and Baptist progress in our own State. Charity and Children, a paper printed at our Orphanage, is worthy the support of our people. The Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field contain useful information in these departments of our work.

Respectfully submitted, H. E. COPPLE.

Bro. J. C. Fletcher moves its adoption.

The Moderator announces the subject open for discussion.

Prof. H. E. Copple, J. C. Caddell, B. S. Peterson, Elders M. A. Adams and A. B. Caudle participate in the discussion. The report is adopted.

Deep Spring presents a letter of dismission from the Pee Dee Association; and, on motion, is received and welcomed by the Moderator.

The next topic in order is called. The writer is absent. On motion this subject is discussed and the writer requested to send the report to Clerk. Discussed by Dr C. Durham.

The following persons are appointed to represent this work in their respective churches:

Beaver Dam, Miss Lillian Marsh, Beaver Dam:
Bethel, Mrs Ann Marsh, Beaver Dam.
Faulks, R. C. Newsom, Beaver Dam.
Hermon, Henry Helms, Walkersville.
Hopewell, Miss Cora Dry, Love's Level.
Macedonia, M D L Preslar, Monroe.
Meadow Branch, Miles Bivens, Monroe.
Mill Creek, J H Braswell, Judith.
Monroe, Mrs Eugene McLarty, Monroe.

Mount Pleasant, J Q A Little, Zoar.
New Hope, F A Austin, Negrohead.
Oak Grove, J F Gordon, Winchester.
Philadelphia, J F Carelock, Lanes Creek.
Pleasant Hill, W B Smith, Reuben.
Pleasant Plain, Mattie Shannon, Matthews.
Sandy Ridge, D E Mullis, Prospect.
Shiloh, W S Hays, Stout.
Waxhaw, Tom Godfrey, Waxhaw.
Mount Harmony, D A Sistare.
Olive Branch, B F Staton, Olive Branch.
Deep Spring, L Smith, Peachland.
Following is the report as handed to the Clerk:

HOME MISSIONS.

The magnitude and importance of the Home Mission work of the Southern Baptists may be indicated by naming five of the principal departments: The Indians, our Foreign Population, Cuba, the Colored People, and our Native White People. There have been more than twenty-five missionaries during the year laboring in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma. The demand for missionaries for Christian development and education is upon them. This seems to be a doomed race; and what is done for them must be done quickly, or the opportunity to give the Gospel to the Indians will be closed forever.

With over 800,000 Germans in Missouri, and with a large Foreign population in Texas and Louisiana, and with a reasonable probability of an increase of this element in our Southern population in the near future, this becomes an exceedingly important factor in the work of the Home Mission Board. Cuba, perhaps, with a larger population than our own beloved State, is ready and anxious for the Gospel as our representatives preach it. In 1885 there were no Baptists there, but now with a Baptist membership of 2,261 souls, bid us enlarge our force there and reap the harvest already prepared by the Lord for us. The work among the colored people is a most difficult one. It must not, however, be neglected because of its troublesome environments. Seven million of these people are among us. Their need, first of all, is the Gospel; then Christian training and education will prepare them for the work God has for them to do.

Look at the immense number of our own boasted race who are without the Gospel, and are daily crying for the true bread of life. Some of our Southern States have but few Baptists in them. In some of our Southern cities are found the widest fields for the work of our Home Mission Board.

Missionaries employed for last year, 368; churches and houses of worship established, 247; additions to churches, 9,604; amount of money received and expended by the Board $242,305.94; total number of Southern Baptists, 2,500,000; total population of the South——. This is a grand work and the Board should have our hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted, MARCUS LONG.

On motion, the Association takes a recess for two hours. Benediction by Elder W. R. Gwaltney.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song by the choir; Elder D A Snider reads 15th Psalm; Elder J J McLendon leads in prayer.

Elder A. C. Davis reads the report on

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Associational Missions is work within the bounds of the Association. That there is need of work of this kind among us there can be no doubt, when we look at the facts in the case. One of the largest townships in the county has but one Baptist church in it, which is Sandy Ridge, and it is one of the best farming sections of the county. There are several weak churches that need help from some source. The Executive Board has bought a house during the year at Mount Harmony and a church has been organized which now numbers 47 members, and if the churches would contribute to this work as the case demands, we believe that before the next meeting of this Association we could establish one or two churches in the destitution of which we speak. Brethren, help us to do the Lord's work.

Respectfully, A. C. DAVIS.

Pending adoption, the report is discussed by the writer, Elders J. J. McLendon and M. A. Adams and W. B. Smith.

Pledges for next year: Antioch, $1 00; Bethel, $3 00; Benton's X Roads, $1 50; Beaver Dam, $3 00; Hermon, $2 00; Hopewell, $10 00; Liberty Hill, 50c.; Macedonia, $1 00; Mill Creek, $3 00; Monroe, $12 00; Oak Grove, $1 00; Sandy Ridge, $2 00; Shiloh, $1 50; Waxhaw, $5 00; Mount Harmony, $2 00. Total, $48 50.

The following amounts were paid in addition to last year's apportionment: Monroe, $2 50; Hermon, $1 00.

The Association requests the churches to try to raise the balance still due on their apportionment for last year by the 1st of December. The following amounts paid on balance due for 1893: Macedonia, $1 50; Liberty Hill, 85c.; Bethel, $1 00; Sandy Ridge, 85c.

The report is adopted.

Elder R. H. James reads an extract from Charity and Children as a

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

One hundred and twenty-seven Orphans occupying the Orphan Houses at Thomasville are dependent on the voluntary contributions

of Baptist churches and Sunday schools and liberal individuals for food, clothing and instruction. They need food three times each day and clothing every morning.

Many Baptist churches and Sunday schools have forgotten to contribute during the present year, and others have contributed nothing but children. Winter is at hand and the orphans are already suffering with cold.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. That each Church or Sunday school appoint a committee of three to make collections in cash and kind for the orphans.

2. That these names be sent to and kept standing in Charity and Children, so that all the people may know into whose hands contributions are to be placed.

3. Churches and Sunday schools who have not contributed during the year may select any Sunday in November. But if no Sunday can be spared for the Orphans, Thanksgiving day will answer, provided the men do not all go hunting on that day.

4. If no Sunday in November, nor Thanksgiving day can be spared, then some Sunday in December will answer.

5. Chewing gum, fire-crackers, tin horns, etc., are not wanted.

6. Vegetables liable to decay on the road and such articles as are worth more where they are received than here, should be sold and the money sent.

7. Peas, cabbage, dried fruit, butter, bacon and new cloth are very much desired. R. H. JAMES.

Pending adoption is discussed by J. H. Mills. The subscriptions to Charity and Children and the collections amount to $25 86.

On motion, the report is adopted.

Sang, "Praise God from who all blessings flow," after which Dr. Taylor pronounces the benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

Elder A. Marsh reads part of the 5th chapter of Matthew and J. H. Mills leads in prayer.

Elder W. R. Gwaltney reads the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

No thoughtful and observant person can fail to recognize the need of far more education in every part of North Carolina. Until all our people can read and write and cipher, and have some knowledge of geography and history, they are not only not fully prepared to perform their duties as citizens, but they cannot hope to be as thrifty, wealthy, useful and happy as they might otherwise become. The main dependence of the masses of the people for the rudiments of education must always be on the free common schools. For the support and improvement of these, the revenues of the State available for

educational purposes should, we believe, be used exclusively—at least until these schools are kept open as long as the constitution requires. Higher education can and should be cared for mainly by private munificence. And inasmuch as higher education creates in man and woman the power to earn, those who receive it ought, sooner or later, to pay for it, except in the cases of those who, as ministers or missionaries, are debarred from making the money to do so.

The Baptists of North Carolina are to be congratulated on the number and excellence of the several institutions of learning under their control.

Wake Forest College, now sixty years old, is doing better work than ever before in its history. The moral and religious influence is exceptionally good. It is worthy the support and patronage of all the Baptists in North Carolina.

Our colleges for young women at Oxford and Murfreesboro are old, well established and well equipped. They are doing excellent work in all departments and are recommended without reserve.

There are now fifty-one young men at Wake Forest College studying for the ministry, and thirty-five of these are aided by the Educational Board. This number costs a little over three hundred dollars per month, and for this money the Board must look to the churches. Will not every pastor see to it that his church or churches, aid in this work, which has through all the history of the college been so signally blessed of God ?

W. R. GWALTNEY.

On motion to adopt the discussion is participated in by Elder W. R. Gwaltney, Prof. F. P. Hopgood, Dr. C. E. Taylor and Elders M. A. Adams and J. B. Richardson.

Roll of churches is called and pledged as follows:

Antioch, $1 00; Beaver Dam, $2 00; Benton's X Roads, $1 00; Hermon, $2; Bethel, $2 00; Hopewell, $2 00; Macedonia, $1 00; Mlll Creek, $2 00; Monroe, $15 00; Oak Grove, $1 00; Shiloh, $1 00; Mt. Harmony, $2 00. Total pledged, $82 00.

The report is adopted.

Song by the choir. Benediction by Elder W. R. Gwaltney.

SATURDAY MORNING'S SESSION.

Song, "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me." Elder M. A. Adams reads 13th chapter 1. Corinthians, and conducts a service of song and recitations from the Scriptures.

The Moderator announces the Association ready for business. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The report is read by the writer on

TEMPERANCE.

We should be temperate in all things. We know that intemperance, especially that of strong drink, destroys body, health, mind, usefulness, character, and at last soul; drags men and their families—innocent though their wife and children be—to poverty, shame, disgrace and rags, and scores of people to an untimely grave. Certainly the time is at hand when any Baptist who is intemperate should be disciplined. R. REDFEARN.

Motion to adopt is discussed by Elders M. A. Adams, James Little, J. J. McLendon and R. H. James.

On motion, Colportage is passed over until the report of the committee is submitted.

The writer, Elder M. A. Adams, reads the report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Work of the Southern Baptist Convention includes work among all the nations of the world except those covered by the Home Mission Board. Our Savior said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." This we believe to be incumbent on every disciple, and hence we urge, 1. That every pastor take the Foreign Mission Journal and get as many of his people to do likewise as possible. 2. That they be requested to preach at least once a year on the Foreign Mission Work and instruct his people by the fireside in his pastoral visitations. 3. That at least one collection a year be taken for this work and that every member be asked to contribute to the Foreign Mission Work.

Submitted, M. A. ADAMS.

A. T. Latta moves the adoption of the report, which is discussed by Elders M. A. Adams, A. B. Caudle and A. C. Davis. The roll is called, and the churches pledge as follows: Antioch, $1.00; New Hope, $1.00; Liberty Hill, 50 cents; Bethel, $5.00; New Salem, $1.00; Beaver Dam, $5.00; Oak Grove, $2.00; Benton's Cross Roads, $1.00; Philadelphia, $2.00; Faulks, $3.00; Pleasant Plain, $1.00; Hermon, $5.00; Sandy Ridge, $1.00; Hopewell, $5.00; Shiloh, $1.00; Macedonia, $5.00; Waxhaw, $5.00; Meadow Branch, $5.00; Mt. Harmony, $2.00; Mill Creek, $2.00; Deep Spring, $2.00; Monroe, $20.00; Ebenezer $1.00. Total, $76.50.

The report is adopted. B. C. Ashcraft reads the report on Ministerial Relief.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The ministers who have given their time, their talents and their energies of soul and body to the work of the Master, and for the good of humanity, should, in their old age, be supported by those for whom

they have labored so long and faithfully. The duty of our people to contribute liberally to the support of the aged and worn-out ministers, is so plain that it needs no comment. We are sure that our people, when this matter is brought before them, will allow no worn-out minister or his destitute widow to suffer for the necessities of life. Let us support these faithful servants of God, for they richly deserve a support. Respectfully submitted,

B. CLEGG ASHCRAFT.

On motion, to adopt is discussed by B. C. Ashcraft, Elders A. T. Latta, J. J. McLendon and M. A. Adams. A cash collection is taken to the amount of $15.13. A collection is taken up for Elder E. L. Davis, who is too old to meet with the Association, to the amount of $9.25. There is no one in our bounds so universally loved as Old Father Davis. Though he may soon cross the river he will not be forgotten. Song by the choir. Recess for two hours. Benediction by Elder A. B. Caudle.

EVENING SESSION.

Prayer, Elder R. H. James leading.

Moderator announces the old Executive Board continued. (See page 2.)

MESSENGERS TO THE STATE CONVENTION.

M. A. Adams, B. C. Ashcraft, J. L. Bennett, A. B. Caudle, O. C. Curlee, R. Redfearn, R. H. James, A. Marsh, J. C. Sikes, O. M. Sanders.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, elected by the Association: Elder M. A. Adams; alternate, R. Redfearn.

The Clerk is instructed to apportion the expenses of the delegate among the churches and ask them to contribute the amount.

Committee on Obituaries report:

OBITUARIES.

Your committee on obituaries ask leave to submit the following report: In searching the letters from the different churches, we find that there have been twenty deaths in our Association during our last associational year. Among this number was Brother C. Austin, who was born in Stanly county, N, C., on April, 19, 1818, and died March 20, 1893. He represented this county in the Legislature and served as State Senator for a number of years. He was a prominent feature in our Association up to his death. To attend the church and worship God was the pride and joy of his life. He has left a shining, lasting monument to his name by aiding to establish Christ's banner and kingdom over the land. Respectfully submitted,

DICK SIKES, Chairman of Committee.

The report is adopted with the request that Elder A. B. Caudle add something in regard to Elder W. C. Owen.

The committee reports on

REQUESTS AND QUERIES.

Meadow Branch, Hopewell and Waxhaw churches cordially invite the next session of the body to be held with them. Meadow Branch also asks that the time of meeting be changed back to the 2nd Sunday in October instead of November. Liberty Hill, Mt. Pleasant, Oak Grove, Sandy Ridge and Waxhaw desire the prayers of this body. Sandy Ridge asks help to complete their house of worship. Mt. Harmony also asks the next session of the Association to be held with them. Respectfully submitted,

A. MARSH,
J. B. MANGUM,
M. C. KING.

The report is adopted and disposed of in order. The Association decides to hold its next session with Hopewell; Elder J. B. Richardson to preach the introductory sermon. The Association decides not to change the time of meeting.

The Association joins Elder J. J. McLendon in prayer for the churches asking the prayers of the Association.

The request of Sandy Ridge for help to complete their house is referred to the Executive Board.

The Executive Board reports having held several meetings during the year. Have caused preaching to be held at several points where we ought to have churches. Have purchased from the Protestant Methodists Mt. Harmony church, a good house, at a cost of $100. Paid, $25 00; note outstanding, $75 00; amount on hand, $31 27; balance, $43 73.

The report is adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Foreign Missions	$49.21
Associational Missions	24.82
State Missions	76.01
Home Missions,	26.09
Orphanage	12.88
Ministerial Education	13.00
Minute Fund	35.51
Colportage	38
Total	$237.90
Paid to J. H. Mills,	12.88
	$225.02

O. M. SANDERS.
J. F. GORDON,
H. E. COPPLE,

Report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. W. BIVENS TO UNION ASSOCIATION, DR.

To cash for State Missions by collection,.....						$	7 30
" "	from Finance Com. for Foreign Missions,....						49 21
" "	"	"	"	"	"	Associational Missions	24 82
" "	"	"	"	"	"	State Missions,.....	76 01
" "	"	"	"	"	"	Home Missions,.....	26 09
" "	"	"	"	"	"	Ministerial Education.	13 00
" "	"	"	"	"	"	Minute Fund,.....	35 51
" "	"	"	"	"	"	Colportage,.....	38
" "	for Associational Missions by collection,.....						6 45
" "	" Aged Ministers Relief Board,.....						15 13
" "	" Elder E. L. Davis, by collection,.....						9 25
Total in hand, Nov. 11, 1893,.....						$	263 15

J. W. BIVENS, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

The Treasurer is instructed to pay all moneys on hand to the different objects for which it was paid in.

Elder J. J. McLendon reads the following, which is unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to the citizens and brethren of this church for the hospitality which they have so bountifully provided for our entertainment during the sitting of this body; and to the Moderator and Clerk for their efficient services.

The Committee reports on

COLPORTAGE.

We, your Committee on Colportage: We have had no Colporteur in tho field this year. We have but little in hand for this work. We had on hand from Brother J. A. Hill, deceased, $15.00 in books, tracts, etc., and have received $2.71 from the churches, and have on hand $8.08 in cash and few a Bibles and Testaments, and three or four hundred tracts. There has been sold during the year about two hundred Bibles and Testaments, and a number of tracts distributed.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CAUDLE,
R. REDFEARN,
J. J. MOODY,
Committee.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Colportage is continued. (See p. 2.)

MESSENGERS TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

Pee Dee—Elders M. A. Adams, J. J. McLendon, A. C. Davis.

Chesterfield—Elders J. W. Little, J. L. Bennett and D. A. Snider and Bro. J. Q. A. Little.

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus—Elders A. C. Davis, R. H. James, J. E. Rowell and D. A. Snider and Bro. O. C. Curlee.

Stanly—Elder R. H. James and Bro. John Jenkins.

Moriah—Elder A. B. Caudle and Bro. O. M. Sanders.

On motion, the printing of the minutes is left with the Clerk, with the usual allowance of $10.00 for his services.

Committee on Religious Exercises report:

Sunday, 11, a. m., preaching at Baptist church by Elder G. O. Willhoit, and at night by Elder J. B. Richardson.

Methodist church, 11, a. m., Elder J. B. Richardson, and at night by Elder A. C. Davis.

Colored Baptist Church, 11, a. m., Elder D. A. Snider.

Report adopted.

Song—"God be with you 'till we weet again." Prayer by Elder J. B. Richordson.

On motion, the Asfociatlen adjourned to meet at Hopewell Church, on Thursday before the second Sunday in November, 1894. Everything considered, this was the best session ever held by this Association.

J. A. BIVENS, MODERATOR.

F. REDFEARN, Clerk.

WRITERS FOR 1894.

Foreign Missions—B. C. Ashcraft, Monroe.
State Missions—H. E. Copple, Beaver Dam.
Associational Missions—Elder A. B. Caudle. Waxhaw.
Home Missions—O. M. Sanders, Walkersville.
Temperance—D. F. Helms, Unionville.
Periodicals—R. Redfearn, Monroe.
Orphanage—R. C. Newsom, Beaver Dam.
Colportage—Elder A. Marsh, Beaver Dam.
Ministerial Relief—J. W. Bivens, Monroe.
Education—Elder M. A. Adams, Monroe.

CONSTITUTION.

We, the Baptist churches of Christ, composing the Union Association, having been received and Baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of an association of Churches in order to perpetual union among us, and thereby maintain a correspondence with each other and other associations of the same faith and order, agree and subscribe to the following rules, viz. :

Article 1. The association shall be composed of Messengers chosen annually by each church and ministers belonging to the associanion, who, before taking their seats, shall present certificates of their appointment or other satisfactory evidence, and each church shall be entitled to three representatives.

Article 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be stated their number in full fellowship, received by letter, baptized, excommunicated and dead, during the last associational year.

Article 3. The members thus chosen and convened, shall be denominated the Union Asaociation, being composed of churches located between the Anson and Moriah Baptist Associations.

Article 4. The Association when convened shall be governed by a proper decorum.

Article 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen annually by members present.

Article 6. Any church may be admitted into this Association by petition ; and Messengers if upon examination found to be of the same faith and order, shall be welcomed to setas by the Moderator extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

Article 7. All queries presented to this Association shall be read once, after which a vote shall be taken upon the propriety of debating the same, and if a majority be of opinion that the said queries are not debatable, the same shall be withdrawn.

Article 8. Every motion when made and seconded shall be considered, unless withdrawn by the mover.

Article 9. We deem it necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, and that it is the duty of each church, to make voluntary contributions for this purpose, which shall be forwarded by the delegates, and the amount thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for the amount thus deposited, to be distributed as the Associotion may direct.

Article 10. The Minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the adjournment of the association, except otherwise ordered by the body.

Article 11. The Asssociation shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes as soon as practicable.

Article 12. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of the churches, preserve a bond of communion, give them all necessary advice, in case of difficulty, and inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

Article 13. The Association may appoint members to transact such business as they think proper, and may act as its own Itinerant Board, until such time as the Association shall otherwise direct.

Article 14. The Association shall have power to exclude any church which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion.

Article 15. The Association may invite ministering and other brethren who may be present, to seats with them, and to aid in their deliberations.

Article 16. The Association shall have power to appoint the time and place where the succeeding Association shall be held.

Article 17. This constitution may be altered at any meeting, a majority of two-thirds voting in the affirmative.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. The business of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer by the Moderator, or some person on whom he may call to perform that service.

Article 2. The Moderator and Clerk of the preceding year shall occupy their place until a new organization is effected.

Article 3. In all elections for officers the balloting to be continued until one candidate obtains the majority of the whole.

Article 4. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the Association; preserve order and propound fairly every question which may be presented for consideration, and ascertain and announce, the decision. He shall always rise from his seat to take the vote of the Association. He shall not vote except the Association be equally divided, and in that case he shall give the casting vote. He shall decide all questions of order, and his decision shall be silently submitted to, uuless a regular appeal be taken, and his decision be reversed by a majority of the association.

Article 5. The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the association and pay them over by order of the same.

Article 6. No member shall address another by any other appelation than that of brother.

Article 7. The names of the messenger shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Assocration may require.

Article 8. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the Association through the Moderator.

Article 9. No subject which has been decided shall be considered again during the same session, unless a member who voted in the majority shall move a reconsideration.

Article 10. Every report offered, and resolution proposed to the Association, and every amendment offered, shall be submitted in writing if required by the Moderator.

Article 11. The association shall make all necessary arrangements for devotional services during the session.

Article 12. The messengers present from a majority of the churches shall constitute a quorum for business.

Article 13. All questions shall be decided by a vote of the majority of the members present.

Article 14. No member shall absent himself from the association without permission from the Moderator.

Article 15. At the opening of every annual meeting of this association these rules shall be read.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICE.	Sabbath of Preaching.	Baptised.	Received by letter,	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.
Antioch	A. C. Davis	A. A. Baucom, Longs Store	4th	4	3	..	....	..	..	9	14	23
Beaver Dam	Snider and Marsh.	J. W. Caudle, Beaver Dam	3rd	3	9	..	2	2	1	63	102	165
Bentons X Roads	J. A. Bivens	M. A. Helms, Unionville	2nd	1	2	..	4	2	..	28	37	65
Bethel	J. A. Bivens	H. B. Marsh, Beaver Dam	4th	8	3	1	3	1	1	20	33	53
*Cane Creek	C. R. Carns	M. F. Rollins, McCains	3rd	10	3	..	1	1	..	22	32	54
Deep Spring	T. P. Little	G. H. Caudle, Peachland	2nd	12	3	..	3	2	1	22	51	73
Ebenezer	R. H. James	G. W. Baucom, Unionville	2nd	14	2	2	6	3	..	34	46	80
Faulks	R. H. James	J. F. Moore, Faulks	2nd	8	....	..	6	..	1	58	94	152
Hermon	J. J. McLendon	O. M. Sanders, Walkersville	1st	1	5	.	1	..	..	12	11	23
Hopewell	A. C. Davis	W. L. Biggers, Longs Store	1st	3	11		7	..	..	61	88	149
Liberty Hill	J. W. Little	H.W. Funderburk, Dudley, S.C.	1st	6	2	3	2	15	4	30	57	87
Macedonia	W. F. Little	J. B. Outen, Monroe	4th	2	5	..	12	..	1	41	57	98
Meadow Branch	Davis & Richardson	H. C. Moore, Rock Rest	2nd	22	6	..	7	1	1	92	139	231
Mill Creek	Snider and Marsh.	T. F. James. Judith	3rd	5	....	..	4	2	..	64	85	149
Monroe	M. A. Adams	G. M. Beasley, Monroe	E'CH	31	28	2	16	..	2	73	132	205
Mt. Harmony	A. B. Caudle	A. M. Newell, Matthews	1st	24	9	..	....	..	..	22	25	47
Mt. Pleasant	A. B. Caudle	B. L. Goodwin, Zoar	2nd	...	9	1	10	6	..	24	40	64
New Hope	A. Marsh	M. C. Austin, Negrohead	1st	1	2	..	5	..	1	17	36	53
*New Salem	J. G. Gulledge	W. H. Long, Monroe	3rd	2	7	1	....	2	1	21	31	52
Oak Grove	D. A. Snider	L. Z. Gordon, Winchester	1st	9	....	...	9	4	1	21	33	54
Olive Branch	D. A. Suider	H. T. Baucom, Olive Branch	4th	6	1	4	10	..	1	41	81	122
Philadelphia	A. Marsh	J. J. Cox, Brown Creek	4th	29	7	2	9	2	4	82	120	202
Pleasant Hill	T. P. Little	John F. Stuart, Euto	1st	15	3	..	3	3	1	19	52	71
Pleasant Plain	D. A. Snider	W. S. Paxton, Matthews	2nd	1	....	..	2	1	..	20	20	40
Sandy Ridge	J. W. Little	D.C.Montgomery, Mt. Prospect	3rd	32	8	1	....	9	..	39	46	85
Shiloh	R. H. James	N. R. Helms, Monroe	2nd	3	5	1	10	5	1	48	74	122
Waxhaw	A. B. Caudle	John H. Godfrey, Waxhaw	3rd	44	19	2	9	5	2	94	131	225
				286	142	20	140	67	24	1077	1667	2744

*As represented last year.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastors' Salary,	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund	Poor.	Grand Total.	Per capita all sources.	Total Membership.
Antioch	$ 35 00	$	$ 1 00	75	$ 1 50	1 00	$ 50	$1 00	$	$ 75	$	$ 41 50	$ 18	23
Beaver Dam		1 00				5 00	1 35	5 00		2 00		14 35	8	165
Bentons X Roads				85	1 35	90		1 59	4 98	1 00		10 67	16	65
Bethel	47 25		2 00	5 00	2 77	5 00	4 56	7 07	11 45	1 25		94 40	17	53
*Cane Creek											8 05	2 00	3	54
Deep Spring	20 00	690 00		2 00		1 00	1 00					714 00	9 78	73
Ebenezer	30 00					2 00		1 00		75		33 75	4 20	80
Faulks	55 00	9 34		3 50	1 90	3 00		3 00	7 00	1 50		84 24	56	152
Hermon	60 00	78 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	4 00	50		162 50	5 80	23
Hopewell	100 00	5 07	9 00	5 93	11 00	5 00	5 17	5 00	18 47	3 00		167 64	1 05	149
Liberty Hill		25 00		20		1 40	40	1 25		75		29 00	33	87
Macedonia	55 00	1 75		2 00		3 00		5 00	12 00	2 00		80 75	82	98
Meadow Branch	270 00	49 73		8 43	5 05	11 00	8 80	6 11	5 13	3 21		366 40	1 58	231
Mill Creek						1 40	1 60			1 25		4 25	2	149
Monroe	635 00	1045 23	5 00	38 78	10 59	25 00	5 63	20 00	183 65	3 00	1 50	1973 38	9 62	205
Mt. Harmony		75 00							10 50	2 00		87 50	1 86	47
Mt. Pleasant	25 00	1 50			3 50					1 00		31 00	4 87	64
New Hope				1 65			1 21	50	56	80	3 25	7 97	15	53
*New Salem												54 00	1 09	52
Oak Grove	30 00	25 00	1 00	50		2 00	50	1 00		1 00		61 00	1 13	54
Olive Branch		85 00							4 15	1 00		90 15	73	122
Philadelphia				2 30		3 00	1 00	2 00	11 43	3 00		22 73	11	202
Pleasant Hill	20 00	36 00			1 00	1 00	1 00			75		59 75	84	71
Pleasant Plain	50 00	10 00			1 00	2 00				1 00		64 00	1 60	40
Sandy Ridge	40 00	3 75		2 20	1 15				4 00	55		51 65	60	85
Shiloh	35 00	14 36		1 70		1 85		1 30		1 95		56 16	46	122
Waxhaw	75 00	53 30		14 45	4 04	4 20	6 58	2 65		1 50	14 42	176 15	77	225
	$1582 25	$2209 03	$20 00	$92 24	$48 85	$83 76	$41 30	$68 47	$277 32	$35 51	$27 22	$4544 95	$165	2744

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR P. O.	No. of Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Total.	Papers and Lesson Helps Taken.	Sunday School Contributions.
Antioch, J. B. Presson, Longs Store	34	3	37	126	$.....
Beaver Dam, H. E. Copple, Beaver Dam.	93	9	102	80	6 14
Bentons X Roads, J. W. Benton, Raywood	63	7	70	52	4 00
Bethel, H. M. Walters, Beaver Dam	33	4	37	22	.....
*Gane Creek,	....	....	....	....	.....
Deep Spring, G. F. Caudle, Peachland	60	6	66	53	.....
Ebenezer, M. A. Helms, Unionville	62	7	69	47	3 60
Faulks, R. C. Newsom, Faulks	36	8	44	30	4 00
Hermon, O. M. Sanders, Walkersville	20	3	23	25	1 25
Hopewell, D. F. Helms, Coburns Store	70	6	76	69	.....
Liberty Hill, John Loyd, Zoar	40	4	44	....	.....
Macedonia, J. W. Outen, Monroe	56	8	64	47	3 96
Meadow Branch, N. W. Bivens, Monroe.	125	11	135	70	20 00
Mill Creek,	....	....	....	....	.....
Monroe, F. B. Ashcraft, Monroe	164	10	174	180	85 78
Mt. Harmony, John Hinson, Matthews	72	6	78	78	4 00
Mt. Pleasant, T. E. Funderburk, Monroe.	33	6	39	54	2 14
New Hope	....	....	....	....	.....
New Salem,	....	....	....	....	.....
Oak Grove, R. J. Griffin, Winchester	48	7	55	28	3 25
Olive Branch, J. E. Gaddy, Olive Branch	35	4	39	39	5 85
Philadelphia, J. L. Autry, Brown Creek	48	4	52	....	.....
Pleasant Hill,	....	....	....	....	.....
Pleasant Plain, J. B. Shannon, Matthews.	50	6	56	....	6 00
Rock Rest, J. H. Williams, Monroe	100	10	110	62	18 10
Sandy Ridge, J. A. Melton, Mt. Prospect.	97	8	105	44	2 40
Shiloh, J. L. Baucom, Baucom,	83	10	93	35	7 85
Waxhaw, J. J. Godfrey, Waxhaw	107	9	116	96	23 20
	1529	156	1685	1227	$201 52

MINUTES

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH,
UNION COUNTY, N. C., July, 1893.

The Union Baptist Sunday School Convention met in regular session at 11 a. m.

Sermon by Elder A. B. Caudle. Recess for one hour. Benediction by Elder M. A. Adams.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elder A. B. Caudle reads Eighth Psalm. Elder J. E. Rowell leads in prayer. The following is the list of schools present, and by whom represented :

Benton's Cross Roads—J. W. Benton, J. K. Trull.
Antioch—J. A. Newton, J. H. Presson.
Bethel—V. A. Moore, Henry Eliott.
Ebenezer—J. D. Helms, W. A. Chaney.
Faulks—J. W. Haney, J. S. Snider.
Hopewell—H. G. Polk, J. B. Beckham.
Meadow Branch—J. B. Griffin, J. W. Mullis.
Monroe—A. B. Caudle, R. Redfearn, M. A. Adams.
New Hope—J. T. C. Baucom.
Shiloh—W. A. Sutton.
Waxhaw—L. M. Rhiner, J. E. Rowell, A. E. Rowell.
Mount Harmony—J. A. Helms.

The following officers were elected :

President—Elder A. B. Caudle.
Vice President—J. C. Sikes.
Secretary—R. Redfearn.

The first subject on program: "Are the difficulties in the way of an evergreen Sunday School Real or Imaginary?" The speakers on this subject are absent. By request, Profs. E. W. Sikes, and E. F. Eddens open the discussion. Mis-

cellaneous discussion by Elder A. C. Davis and R. Pope. Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9:30 a. m. Benediction by Elder J. E. Rowell.

SATURDAY MORNING—9:30.

Elder M. A. Adams conducts a half hour prayer service. President A. B. Caudle in the chair.

"The Superintendent and his Work." Discussed by J. H. Presson, J. W. Benton, D. F. Helms, the Superintendents present.

"What are the evidences of a successful Sunday School?" The speakers, Hugh Long and M. A. Adams are present, and address the meeting, after which short talks are made by A. C. Davis, E. F. Eddens and R. Pope.

"How can we best Interest the Masses and Hold Them?" Discussion opened by J. B. Curlee and Bruce Benton.

Miscellaneous, by E. W. Sikes, R. Redfearn and A. B. Caudle.

Prayer by Prof. E. F. Eddens.

Recess for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elder M. A. Adams reads the Scripture lesson. Prayer by R. Redfearn.

"The Relation of the Sunday School Work to Home Instruction?" Discussed by Prof. E. W. Sikes and Elder A. C. Davis.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion, the following are elected as Executive Committee: A. B. Caudle, R. Redfearn, M. A. Adams, J. W. Benton, J, C. Sikes.

Moved, that the Constitution be changed so as to allow the body to fix the time of meeting and the place.

The time is fixed on Friday before the second Sunday in July.

The Convention decides to hold its next session at Shiloh.

A collection is taken for the Orphanage to the amount of $1.43.

On motion, the Convention adjourns to meet at Shiloh at the appointed time.

A. B. CAUDLE, PRESIDENT.

R. REDFEARN, Secretary,

PREAMBLE, CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF ORDER OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, We believe that an Association of the Sunday Schools of our Association will tend to the advancement of the cause of Christ, and the growth in grace of the members thereof. Be it

Resolved, That we form ourselves into such a body, to be known as the Sunday School Convention of the Union Baptist Association.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. Officers—The officers shall be a President, Vice President and Secretary, who shall be elected at each meeting for the ensuing year.

Section 2. The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Convention, to appoint all committees, and to have general control of the body.

Section 3. The Vice President takes the place of the President in his absence, and is to be governed by the foregoing section.

Section 4. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a true record of all the proceedings of the body, and if ordered, publish the same.

Article 2. Members—The Convention shall be composed of two delegates from each school, whose duties shall be to present a written report, showing the condition of their respective schools.

Article 3. An executive committee, consisting of the President, Secretary and three others shall be appointed at each meeting, which committee shall select time and place of meeting, arrange a program, and transact any other business of interest of the Convention.

RULES OF ORDER.

Article 1. Each meetlng shall be opened and closed with Divine service.

Article 2. All addresses, except the opening, shall be limited to 15 minutes.

MINUTES

OF THE

Fortieth Anniversary

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH,

November 8, 9 and 10, 1894.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR:

H. E. COPPLE,.....Unionville, N. C.

CLERK:

RANDOLPH REDFEARN,.....Monroe, N. C.

TREASURER:

J. W. BIVENS,.....Monroe, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

ELDER HIGHT C. MOORE, Chairman, Monroe, N. C.; R. REDFEARN, Secretary, Monroe, N. C.; J. W. BIVENS, A. B. CAUDLE, O. M. SANDERS.

COMMITTEE ON COLPORTAGE:

ELDER A. B. CAUDLE, R. REDFEARN, J. J. MOODY.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Bennett, J. L.,	Rock Rest,	North	Carolina.
Bivens, J. A.,	Richardson's Creek,	"	"
Caudle, A. B.,	Waxhaw,	"	"
Davis, E. L.,	Olive Branch,	"	"
Davis, A. C.,	Unionville,	"	"
Ferrell, B. S.,	Waxhaw,	"	"
Gulledge, J. G.,	Brown Creek,	"	"
James, R. H.,	Reuben,	"	"
Latta, A. T.,	Monroe	"	"
Little, J. W.,	Zoar,	"	"
Long, James,		"	"
Little, T. P.,		"	"
Marsh, A.,	Beaver Dam,	"	"
Moore, Hight C.,	Monroe,	"	"
Snider, D. A.,	Beaver Dam,	"	"

LICENTIATES:

Curlee, J. B.,	Wake Forest,	North	Carolina.
King, M. C.,	Lanes Creek,	"	"
Pardue, J. M.,	Waxhaw,	"	"
Rowell, S. J.,	Cleone,	"	"
Rowell, J. E.,	Cleone,	"	"
Snider, J. W.,	Monroe,	"	"

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH,
Nov. 8th, 1894.

The Union Baptist Association met this day in its Fortieth Annual Session, and at 11 o'clock, A. M., Elder D. A. Snider preahces the Introductory sermon from Luke xvi, 11. Prayer by Elder R. H. James.

The Association then took recess one hour.

The Association reassembles at 1 o'clock.

Dr. C. Durham reads the 32nd Psalm, and J. C. Caddell leads in prayer.

The Moderator of the previous Assocation, J. A. Bivens, called the session to order.

The church letters are presented by the messengers; by request are read by H. E. Copple and Hight C. Moore. The following enrollment is made by the Clerk at this time and afterward:

Antioch—J. H. Presson, J. H. York, J. D. Jenkins.

Benton's Cross Roads—G. D. Benton, J. A. Long, S. A. Helms.

Bethel—J. A. Bivens, V. A. Ashcraft.

Beaver Dam—J. M. Austin, H. B. Griffin, S. M. Howell.

Deep Spring—C. A. Phifer, A. C. Phifer, J. H. Mullis.

Ebenezer—W. A. Chaney, S. J. Rowell, L. L. Pyron.

Faulks—D. A. Snider, J. F. Moore.

Hermon—T. M. Helms, W. H. Helms, Raymond Helms.

Hopewell—J. B. Beckham, J. W. Benton, J. E. Griffin.

Liberty Hill—J. W. Little, Jno. Loyd.

Macedonia—J. W. Outen, J. B. Outen, M D. L. Preslar.

Meadow Branch—Jno. H. Williams, M. B. Simpson, J. F. Williams.

Mill Creek—J. C. Pusser, J. A. Baucom, L. S. Helms.

Monroe—R. Redfearn, H. C. Moore.

Mt. Harmony—J. A. Helms, T. Moser, J. M. Newell.

Mt. Pleasant—P. A. Anderson, B. L. Goodwin.

New Hope—A. J. Mullis, J. T. Williams, E. L. Austin.

New Salem—Adam C. Peneger, Z. V. Secrest, D. J. Helms.

Oak Grove—J. F. Gordon, J. M. Keziah, E. V. Polk.

Olive Branch—H. D. Allen, W. L. Parker, J. W. Dees.

Philadelphia—L. Autry, N. A. Rodgers, R. L. King.

Pleasant Hill—R. H. James.

Pleasant Plain—W. S. Paxton, A. J. Shannon.

Sandy Ridge—J. W. Little, D. C. Montgomery, J. B. Griffin.

Shiloh—L. M. Helms, W. J. Sutton, J. R. Benton.

Waxhaw—S. V. Godfrey, S. S. Dunlap, L. M. Riner.

ORGANIZATION.

For this purpose Tellers are appointed for Moderator and Clerk, Rules are suspended and Treasurer is elected by acclamation. (Result see second page). The officers-elect tender thanks for the confidence and honor conferred.

The Moderator announces the following committees now and afterwards:

Order of Business—A. C. Davis, J. A. Bivens, R. H. James.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this church.

Finance—Henry Dry, V. A. Ashcraft, Milton Austin.

Obituaries—J. A. Bivens, J. L. Bennett, A. B. Caudle.

Requests and Queries—R. H. James, John H. Williams, J. W. Little.

Church Reception—D. A. Snider, A. C. Davis, R. H. James.

Visitors are invited to seats.

Dr. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention; J. C. Caddell, agent for the Biblical Recorder; B. S. Peterson, representing the North Carolina Baptist; J. H. Mills, Superintendent of the Thomasville Orphanage; W. M. Johnson, from the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association; O. L, Stringfield, in the interest of the Woman's College, report themselves present now and afterwards and are welcomed by the Moderator.

Hight C. Moore, with D. A. Snider alternate, was appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention by the Association.

The following were appointed delegates to the State Convention:

D. A. Snider, R. H. James, H. E. Copple, H. C. Moore, R. Redfearn, J. M. Austin, J. C. Sikes, V. D. Sikes, A. Marsh, J. L. Bennett, W. L. Biggers, Henry Dry, J. W. Bivens, M. V. Tucker, J. D. Jenkins.

The Committee on Order of Business reports.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FRIDAY, 9:30, A. M.—Devotional Exercises.
10, A. M.—Home Missions.
10:45—Periodicals.
11:30—Sermon on Missions by Dr. C. Durham.
2, P. M.—Orphanage.
SATURDAY, 9:30, A. M.—Devotional Exercises.
10.—Temperance
10:45—Colportage.
11:30.—Sermon by J. B. Richardson.
2, P. M.—Ministerial Relief.
2:30—Education.

Elders A. C. Davis and R. H. James report having visited the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Associations and were cordially received.

Benediction by Hight C. Moore.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Congregation sings "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Elder J. W. Little leads in prayer. Elder Hight C. Moore reads 27th Psalm and offers prayer.

Moderator, H. E. Copple, calls the Association to order. Minutes of yesterday are read and approved. The Rules of Decorum are read by the Clerk. The writer on Home Missions is absent. This topic is discussed, the report to be handed to the clerk. Elders Hight C. Moore, A. B. Caudle and J. W. Little participate in the discussion. Adopted as discussed.

HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission Board is situated in Atlanta, Georgia. The object of this Board is to give the gospel to the destitute places in our Southern States, and the West India Islands. This Board has had something over 300 men employed this year in preaching the gospel to these destitute places. Great good has been accomploshed through this Board, not only in our beloved Southern States, but Cuba is fast becoming a Christian colony. This Board needs help and it appeals to the Baptist people for support. Let the people aid in this great work and thereby convert our fair Southland into Christianity.

Respectfully, O. M. SANDERS.

The following persons are appointed to represent this work in their respective churches:

Antioch, M. E. York, Long's Store.
Beaver Dam, Lillian Marsh, Beaver Dam.
Benton's Cross Roads.

Bethel, Miss F. Ashcraft, Beaver Dam.
Ebenezer, W. A. Chaney, Baucoms.
Faulks, Mrs. S. Godfrey, Beaver Dam.
Hermon, Maggie Pardieu, Walkups.
Hopewell, N. G. Polk, Oak Grove.
Macedonia, J. B. Mangum, Monroe.
Meadow Branch, Milas Bivens, Rock Rest.
Mill Creek, T. F. James, Judith.
Monroe, A. T. Latta, Monroe.
Mt. Harmony, J. E. Sistiare, Matthews.
Mt. Pleasant, Maggie Broom, Monroe.
New Hope, Mrs. F. A. Austin, Negrohead.
Oak Grove, J. F. Gordon, Winchester.
Olive Branch, J. C. Gaddy, Olive Branch.
Philadelphia, Ed King, Lanes Creek.
Pleasant Plain, W. S. Paxton, Matthews.
Pleasant Hill, W. B. Smith, Reuben.
Sandy Ridge, D. E. Mullis, Prospect.
Shiloh, J. A. Secrest, Monroe.
Waxhaw, Roxie Godfrey, Waxhaw.
New Salem, A. J. Mullis, Monroe.
The report on Periodicals is read.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

At no time in the history of our country has the press wielded a greater power or influence. This being so, it is highly important that we read and furnish our children to read only pure and unadulterated Baptist literature. Such we know the Biblical Recorder, Our Home Field, The Foreign Mission Journal, Charity and Children, and the publications of the Southern Baptist Convention to be.

R. REDFEARN.

On motion to adopt is discussed by the writer and J. C. Caddell. Report adopted.

Prof. H. E. Copple read the report on State Missions.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission work ought to commend itself to every one who desires to see the strongholds of wickedness overthrown and the temple of the living God erected in its stead. In many rural districts, villages and towns where a few years ago there were no schools, and few or no Baptists, we now have prosperous churches. There are still many sections in our State, and some of them not very small ones, that are destitute of the great truths taught by Jesus Christ, especially as we hold them. We believe it to be work in accord with God's own will and that under His guidance it has accomplished great good. The work is still progressing. This year there are 92 mission-

aries in the field, preaching at more than 300 destitute places. They have been greatly blessed in their work this year. The board is making a great effort to go up to the Convention at Charlotte out of debt. Brethren, what about it? Have we done our duty in this matter? If so, all will be well. If not, then let us, in the name of Him who commanded his servants to go into all the world and preach his gospel to every creature beginning at Jerusalem, come forward in humble submission to his behest and do what we can, both in prayer and labor and substance, to herald the glad news.

Respectfully submittted, H. E. COPPLE.

"There is a Fountain Filled With Blood" is sung. Elder J. B. Richardson leads in prayer. Dr. C. Durham reads the second chapter of Acts and delivers a missionary sermon; Text, "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." The roll of churches is called and the delegates promise for their churches to try to raise the following amounts for State and Foreign Missions next year:

	STATE.	FOREIGN.		STATE.	FOREIGN.
Benton's X Roads,	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	New Hope,	$1.00	$1.00
Ebenezer,	1.00	1.00	Olive Branch	1.00	1.00
Antioch,	1.00	.50	Mt. Harmony,	1.00	1.00
Beaver Dam,	4.00	4.00	New Salem,	1.00	1.00
Bethel,	5.00	5.00	Oak Grove,	2.00	2.00
Faulks,	2.00	2.00	Philadelphia,	2.00	2.00
Hermon,	5.00	5.00	Pleasant Hill,	1.00	1.00
Hopewell,	5.00	5.00	Pleasant Plain,	1.00	1.00
Macedonia,	3.00	3.00	Sandy Ridge,	1.00	1.00
Meadow Branch,	10.00	10.00	Shiloh,	1.00	1.00
Mill Creek,	2.00	2.00	Union,	1.00	1.00
Monroe,	20.00	10.00	Waxhaw,	5.00	5.00
	$59.00	$48.50		$18.00	$18.00

Total for State Missions, $77.00; Foreign Missions, $66.50.

A cash collection is taken, which amounted to $4.14. The report is adopted. Recess for one hour, benediction by Rev. J. W. Little.

EVENING SESSION.

Song: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." Prayer by Rev. O. L. Stringfield. The report on the Orphanage is called for, but the writer is absent. J. H. Mills discusses the subject, which is adopted as discussed. The following churches promise to raise and send to the Orphanage within the next thirty days the following amounts: Bethel, $5.00; Monroe, $5.00; Antioch, $0.50; Hermon, $1.00; Hopewell, $2.00; Meadow Branch, $3.00; Mt Harmony, $1.00; Oak Grove,

$0.75. $2.54 is collected in cash, and several subscriptions taken for Charity and Children. It is moved by Rev. H. C. Moore, and carried, that the discussion of Education be changed to 10.45 tomorrow The sermon for tomorrow is dispensed with for want of time. Associational Missions is made the order for twelve o'clock tomorrow by motion of Eld. A. C. Davis. The Association gives B. S. Peterson five minutes to present the claims of the North Carolina Baptist. The Association adjourns until 9:30 tomorrow. Benediction by Eld. A. Marsh.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Song: "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." Elder A. B. Caudle conducts the praise service. The Moderator, H. E. Copple, calls the Association to order. The minutes were read and approved. The report on Temperance is offered.

TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is an evil that has been abroad in the land for many ages that have passed by and gone. Its ruinous effects are seen almost everywhere, from the president's chair down to the lowest occupation in life. Men are spending their labor for the poisonous drink and causing their families to suffer for something to sustain their lives. The man who follows drinking from day to day will destroy his character, kill his influence, poison his health, and finally lose his soul in an eternal hell. When we think of the men who are continually filling drunkards' graves and leaving little helpless children to mourn the death of a drunken father, it causes the blood to trickle in these bodies of ours. We claim to be living in an enlightened age of the world, but still this is going on as the days go by. We as a Baptist people claim to be a temperate people, then let us stand by the truth of God and discipline those who are not temperate.

Respectfully submitted, D. F. HELMS.

Discussed by the writer, Elders J. B. Richardson, J. L. Bennett, and J. T. Burris. Report adopted. Elder J. L. Bennett moves that opening speeches be limited to fifteen minutes, all others to five minutes, except O. L. Stringfield, and he be allowed thirty minutes to present the claims of the Woman's College of Raleigh.

Hight C. Moore reads the report on Education.

EDUCATION.

A more liberal education is one of the sorest needs of North Carolina. It is essential to a better citizenship, to more rapid social and industrial progress, to the happiness and usefulness of our people, and to a more vigorous advance of righteous principles in our borders. With interest and pleasure, therefore, we direct the attention of the Asssociation to this important subject. 1. Ministerial education is

of paramount importance. This has become an imperative demand of the times and here lies very largely the basis of our hopes for an ever increasing denominational growth. Our Board is now aiding 36 young ministers at Wake Forest and looks to the churches for help to sustain them at college. Let us heed their strong and just claims upon our prayers and liberality. 2. Wake Forest College, established more than 60 years ago, is now doing the best work in its distinguished history. Its intellectual, social and religious influences are specially wholesome. It is worthy of the patronage and support of all the Baptists in the State. 3. The Baptist Female University, or Woman's College, located at Raleigh, has urgent claims upon us. It is expected to open next fall with good buildings and an efficient faculty. It appeals to the generosity, sympathies and support of the people throughout North Carolina. 4. As to general education, it is the opinion of your committee that all the revenues of the State available for educational purposes shall be used exclusively for the support and improvement of the public schools; and, further, that higher education can and sho ld be cared for chiefly by private beneficence.

H. C. MOORE.

On motion to adopt is discussed by Hight C. Moore, A. C. Davis, A. W. Crabtree and J. L. Bennett. Education of Young Women by O. L. Stringfield. The following churches promise to try to raise the following amounts for ministerial education: Mt. Harmony, $1; Antioch, $1; Oak Grove, $1; Ebenezer, $1; Hermon, $2; Monroe, $10; Waxhaw, $1. The report is adopted.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

This is our work among ourselves, that is in the Association. The eastern part of our Association so far as Baptist churches are concerned, is well supplied. But running a line through Monroe, north and south, we find that there is great destitution west of said line, so far as Baptist teaching and doctrine are concerned. We have west of this line in Union county only five Baptist churches. In Sandy Ridge and Vance townships we have no Baptist churches, probably with one exception, that of Oak Grove church, which is just on the border of Sandy Ridge. The word of God teaches that the strong should help the weak. Therefore, it is our duty to see to it that the gospel, its doctrines and ordinances, are preached and taught in all parts of the Association. Respectfully submitted, A. B. CAUDLE.

Pending the adoption of the report it is discussed by the writer, J. W. Little, A. C. Davis, and J. L. Bennett. The churches promised to try to raise the following amounts: Antioch, $1; Hopewell, $3; Shiloh, $1; Benton's Cross Roads, $1; Mill Creek, $1; Waxhaw, $5; Ebenezer, $1; Monroe, $5; Mt. Pleasant, $1; Faulks, $1; Mt Harmony, $1. Report is adopted, and a recess of one hour is taken. Benediction by W. M. Johnson.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

Song: "Amazing Grace." Elder A. W. Crabtree leads in prayer. The committee make the following report on obituaries, which is adopted.

OBITUARIES.

Your committee on obituaries beg leave to submit the following report: We find reported in the letters that twenty three of our dear brothers and sisters have died and gone to their reward. We tender to the bereaved our heartfelt sympathies, and commend them to our heavenly Father who does all things well.

A. B. CAUDLE,
J. A BIVENS,
J. L. BENNETT.

The report on ministerial relief is then read by J. W. Bivens.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

There are many ministers in North Carolina who have spent their lives in preaching the Gospel of our Lord. They are now infirm, rich in grace, but poor in this world's goods. To afford aid and relief to this class and their widows is the object of the Aged Minister's Relief Board. One third of the money received by this Board is invested in a permanent interest bearing fund, the interest on which, with the remaining two thirds is apportioned to the Board's beneficiaries. The amount received last year was about $514, and up to October 10th of this year $225. The number of beneficiaries last year was thirteen, and therefore the amount received by each necessarily small. The work of this Board commends itself, and every church should consider its claims. Let us remember our poor, and do them good. Respectfully submitted, J. W. BIVENS.

On motion to adopt is discussed by J. W. Bivens and J. T. Burris. Report is adopted.

Report on Colportage is discussed by Elders A. B. Caudle, A. C. Davis and J. L. Bennett. The Association requests the pastors to take, at an early date, a collection for this work. The report was adopted as read.

COLPORTAGE.

Believing this to be a good and needed work, and we as an Assosociation have done but little on this line in the past, let us make a united effort in the future to do more to encourage and forward this work in our midst. Brethren, let us do what we can by work and the giving of our means to place in reach of every family the Bible and good literature. A. MARSH.

The committee report

ON REQUEST AND QUERIES.

Shiloh, Meadow Branch, Waxhaw, and Mt. Harmony request the next session of this body to meet with them. Liberty Hill re-

quests a letter to unite with the Chesterfield. Mt. Harmony, Sandy Ridge, Liberty Hill, New Hope, Antioch and Oak Grove request the prayers of this body. Meadow Branch requests a change of meeting of this Association back to the old time, Thursday before 2nd Sunday in October. R. H. JAMES.

The report is received.

The Association decides to hold its next session with the church at Meadow Branch. Elder Hight C. Moore to preach the Introductory sermon, Elder R. H. James alternate.

The time is changed to Thursday before 2nd Sunday in October.

Liberty Hill is granted a letter of dismission to unite with the Chesterfield Association.

The pastor and deacons report preaching tomorrow at 11 o'clock, A. M., by Elder A. W. Crabtree. 1 o'clock, P. M., by Elder R. H. James.

EX. BOARD'S REPORT.

We, your Executive Board report having paid the out-standing note against the Board for $79.12. There being no more funds in sight we could do nothing more. There is however a small amount in hand at present, and we recommend that this be turned over to the Ex. Board who succeeds us.

EX. BOARD FOR UNION ASSOCIATION.

The report is received.

The Moderator appoints Ex. Board and Committee on Colportage.

A. B. Caudle reads the following which is unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of this community and the members of this church for their kind hospitality during the session of this body. Also to the Moderator and Clerk for their efficient services.

Prayer is offered by the Association for the churches requesting, Elder J. B. Richardson leading.

On motion the clerk is allowed his usual fees, and the Treasurer instructed to pay all money that is, or may come into his hands, to the different objects for which it was paid in.

On motion no church letter will be read at any session after this, after the first day, except in extreme cases.

On motion the Finance Committee and Treasurer make their reports to the Clerk.

The Moderator announces the following writers for the next session: Foreign Missions, Hight C. Moore; State Mis-

sions, Fred Ashcraft; Associational Missions, A. C. Davis; Home Missions, A. Marsh; Temperance, R. H, James; Periodicals, A. B. Caudle; Orphanage, O. M. Sanders; Colportage, J. W. Bivens; Ministerial Relief, B. C. Ashcraft; Education, Rowland Beasley.

On motion the Association adjourns to meet at Meadow Branch church on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1895. Benediction by Elder J. A. Bivens.

R. REDFEARN, Clerk. H. E. COPPLE, Moderator.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH,
UNION COUNTY, N. C., July 6th, 1894.

The Union Baptist Sunday School Convention met in regular session at 11 a. m.

Sermon by Elder J. A. Bivens. Recess for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elder A. B. Caudle reads 103rd Psalm and leads in prayer. The following is the list of schools present, and by whom represented:

Beaver Dam—H. E. Copple, S. G. Phifer.
Bethel—J. A. Bivens.
Ebenezer—T. J. Rowell, J. D. Helms.
Faulks—J. W. Haney, J. S. Snider.
Meadow Branch—D. W. Mullis, T. J. Griffin, J. F. Williams.
Macedonia—M. D. L. Preslar, J. B. Outen.
Mill Creek—E. E. Braswell, L. A. J. Price.
Hopewell—R. Polk, D. M. Crowell.
Monroe—R. Redfearn.
Rock Rest—W. E. L. Williams, M. N. Bivens.
Shiloh—F. M. Sutton, L. M. Helms.
Waxhaw—L. M. Riner, Jno. H. Godfrey.
Rehobeth—E. G. Yarborough, Jas. A. Gamble, T. B. Newell.

The following officers were elected:
President—A. B. Caudle.
Vice President—J. A. Bivens.
Secretary—R. Redfearn.

The first topic: "The responsibility of the Church to train her young members and the children in the Sunday School" is discussed by Hugh Long, J. A. Bivens, R. Redfearn, J. E. Rowell, A. B. Caudle and W. J. Sutton. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING—9:30.

Elder J. A. Bivens leads the praise service.

The best methods of teaching illustrated. First, Advanced pupils, Lesson: "Joseph sold into Egypt," by H. E. Copple; Second, "The childhood of Moses," by R. Redfearn; Third, "How to Sing," by N. R. Helms.

Elder J. A. Bivens moves that one be appointed to organize as far as they can, schools in their respective townships: Buford, Jno. Outen; Lanes Creek, B. F. Parker; Marshville, S. G. Phifer; Monroe, R. Redfearn; New Salem, H. F. Baucom; Goose Creek, H. E. Copple; Vance, N. R. Helms; Sandy Ridge, W. S. Paxton; Jackson, J. E. Rowell.

"What do we, as Baptists, owe to our children?" Discussed by Prof. E. W. Sikes, Bruce Benton, R. H. James, A. B. Caudle and J. A. Bivens.

On motion the following are elected as Executive Committee: A. B. Caudle, R. Redfearn, R. H. James, J. A. Bivens and H. E. Copple.

The Convention decides to hold its next session with Ebenezer Sunday School, on Friday before the last Sunday in December, 1894.

On motion the minute fund is credited to the churches under whose supervision the schools are that sent it in, Minutes to be sent accordingly.

On motion the Convention adjourned to meet at Ebenezer at the appointed time. Benediction by Elder J. A. Bivens.

A. B. CAUDLE,
President.

R. REDFEARN,
Secretary.

STATE MISSIONS.	Cr.	Dr.
To balance last report		$ 83 31
To amounts received from churches		44 50
To amounts received from Finance Committee		40 00
By amounts paid J. D. Boushall, Treas. B. S. C.	$167 81	
	$167 81	$167 81

FOREIGN MISSIONS.		
To balance last report		$ 49 21
To amounts received from churches		37 00
To amounts received from Finance Committee		24 35
By amounts paid J. D. Boushall, Treas. B. S. C.	$110 56	
	$110 56	$110 56

HOME MISSIONS.		
To balance last report		$26 09
To amounts received from churches		9 00
To amounts received from Finance Committee		14 89
By amounts paid J. D. Boushall, Treas. B. S. C.	$49 98	
	$49 98	$49 98

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.		
To balance last report		$ 31 27
To amounts received from churches		49 85
To amounts received from Finance Committee		19 85
By amounts paid R. Redfearn, Sec. Ex. Bd.	$ 79 12	
Balance	21 85	
	$100 97	$100 97

AGED MINISTERS RELIEF.		
To balance last report		$15 13
To amounts received from Finance Committee		3 33
By amounts paid J. D. Boushall, Treas. B. S. C.	$18 46	
	$18 46	$18 46
To balance last report for Rev. E. L. Davis		$9 25
By amount paid Rev. E. L. Davis	$9 25	
	$9 25	$9 25

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.		
To balance last report		$13 00
To amounts received from churches		9 25
To amounts received from Finance Committee		15 00
By amounts paid J. D. Boushall, Treas. B. S. C.	$37 25	
	$37 25	$37 25

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.		
To amounts received from churches		$5 52
To amounts received from Finance Committee		2 96
By amounts paid J. D. Boushall, Treas. B. S. C.	$8 48	
	$8 48	$8 48

COLPORTAGE.	
To balance last report	38

MINUTE FUND.		
To balance last report		$35 51
To amount received from Finance Committee		30 42
By amount paid R. Redfearn, clerk	$35 51	
Balance	30 42	
	$65 93	$65 93

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BIVENS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR P. O.	No. of Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Total.	Papers and Lesson Helps Taken.	Sunday School Contributions.
Antioch, J. H. Presson, Longs Store	20	2	22	...	$.....
Beaver Dam, S. G. Phifer, Beaver Dam.	74	7	81	76	15 45
*Benton's X Roads	....	..	....	...	.....
*Bethel, H. M. Walters, Beaver Dam.	....	..	....	...	.....
Deep Spring, C. A. Phifer	30	..	30	...	1 04
Ebenezer, F. B. Philips, Unionville	49	7	56	45	5 05
Faulks, M. C. Ross, Faulks	45	5	50	25	.....
Hermon, Henry Helms, Walkersville	48	5	53	40	8 00
Hopewell, R. Pope, Oak Grove	72	5	77	65	12 50
Liberty Hill, Jno. Loyd, Zoar	40	5	45	30	5 00
Macedonia, J. B. Outen, Monroe	46	6	52	30	8 80
Meadow Branch, E. W. Griffin, Rock Rest	126	..	156	127	11 13
Mill Creek, I. A. Clontz, Sincerity	54	9	63	11	2 50
Monroe, F. B. Ashcraft, Monroe	125	10	135	155	75 00
Mt. Harmony, J. E. Sistair, Matthews	60	7	67	...	8 60
*Mt. Pleasant	....	..	....	...	.....
*New Hope	....	..	....	...	.....
*New Salem	....	..	....	...	.....
Oak Grove, J. B. Griffin, Winchester	35	5	40	28	.....
Olive Branch, J. C. Gaddy, Olive Branch.	....	..	....	...	.....
Philadelphia, J. L. Autry, Brown Creek.	....	..	....	...	.....
Pleasant Plain, W. S. Paxton, Matthews	35	6	41	...	3 00
Rock Rest, Jas. H. Williams, Rock Rest.	100	10	110	46	5 76
Rehobeth, L. N. C. Riner, Waxhaw	53	7	60	...	1 92
Sandy Ridge, W. R. Bruce, Altan	80	5	85	...	1 80
Shiloh, A. B. Helms, Monroe	113	10	123	94	15 00
Waxhaw, J. J. Godfrey, Waxhaw	80	12	92	...	10 00
*No report at Convention or Association.	1235	123	1258	772	$190 55

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Pastors Salary	Church Expenses	Ministerial Education	Baptist Orphanage	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects.	Minute Fund	Grand Total
Antioch	$ 30 00	$	$	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$	$ 1 00	$	$	$ 50	$ 34 50
Beaver Dam	45 00	18 10	35	7 94	3 50		5 00	5 10			2 01	87 00
Bentons X Roads			1 00	66	1 50	1 00		1 00			75	5 91
Bethel			2 25	7 19	3 00	5 00	2 68	5 00	1 15	19 65	1 05	46 97
Deep Spring	12 00	1 10		1 00			95				60	15 65
Ebenezer	30 00							1 00			1 15	32 15
Faulks	38 15					1 80		3 00			1 50	44 45
Hermon	40 00	200 00	2 00	1 00		5 00	2 00	5 00		5 00	40	260 40
Hopewell	80 00		1 10	1 30	5 60	2 80	1 90	4 80	1 18	4 66	1 71	105 05
Liberty Hill		20 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 25			75	26 00
Macedonia	67 00	23 40	1 00	5 46	1 11	5 00	3 41	5 00	1 00	1 25	2 05	115 68
Meadow Branch	221 22	65 75		10 14		14 59	9 92	7 06			3 20	331 88
Mill Creek		2 80	1 55		3 00	2 00	2 95	90		1 00	1 55	15 75
Monroe	700 00	235 75	16 00	30 58	12 69	30 00	4 00	25 25			2 50	1056 77
Mt. Harmony	50 00	14 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00		4 00	1 00	74 00
Mt. Pleasant	20 00	50		1 02	80						80	23 12
New Hope				2 00		1 00		1 00			75	4 75
New Salem	18 60	1 35		1 00	1 15	70	25				1 00	24 05
Oak Grove	25 00	3 00	1 00		1 00	2 00		2 00		5 00	1 00	40 00
Olive Branch	30 00	100 69		1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00				1 00	135 69
Philadelphia	50 00		50	3 75		2 00		2 00		12 96	2 00	73 21
Pleasant Plain		5 00		96		2 00		1 00			50	9 46
Pleasant Hill*											25	25
Sandy Ridge	50 00	350 00		1 08				71			40	402 19
Shiloh	40 00	7 00	1 00		1 30	55		75			75	51 35
Waxhaw	200 00	54 02		5 32	11 00	8 00	2 56	5 00		3 40	1 50	290 80
*No letter.	$1746 97	$1102 46	$28 75	$74 40	$49 65	$87 44	$37 62	$78 82	$ 3 33	$56 92	$30 67	$3307 03

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Clerks and their Postoffice.	Preaching Sabbath	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Males	Females	Total Membrship
Antioch	A. C. Davis	J. D. Jenkins, Locust Level	4th	3				3	1	8	13	21
Beaver Dam	D. A. Snider	J. W. Caudle, Beaver Dam	3rd	15	9		6	7	3	66	111	177
Bentons X Roads	A. Marsh	A. A. Helms, Unionville	2nd	2			3	3	1	26	40	66
Bethel	J. A. Bivens	H. B. Marsh, Beaver Dam	4th	2			4		1	19	32	51
Deep Spring	T. P. Little	J. H. Mullis, Honey	2nd		3		1			23	48	71
Ebenezer	R. H. James	W. A. Chaney, Baucoms	2nd		3	1	10	1		30	42	72
Faulks	R. H. James	J. F. Moore, Faulks	1st	18	3	1	11	2	2	52	99	151
Hermon	A. B. Caudle	O. M. Sanders, Walkersville	3rd		19					18	24	42
Hopewell	A. C. Davis	W. L. Biggers, Longs Store	1st	1	3		9	1	1	57	83	140
Liberty Hill	J. W. Little	H. W. Funderburk, Dudly, S. C.	1st	7	2	5	4	8	3	54	65	119
Macedonia	J. A. Bivens	J. B. Outen, Monroe	2nd	17	3	3	8	4		43	69	112
Meadow Branch	E. L. Davis†	H. C. Moore, Rock Rest	2nd	5	4		12		1	92	136	228
Mill Creek	A. Marsh	T. F. James, Judith	3rd	3	4		5		1	64	76	140
Monroe	Hight C. Moore	C. A. Goodin, Monroe	E'CH	1	15	2	18	3	2	66	115	181
Mt. Harmony	D. A. Snider	J. T. Moser, Matthews	2&4	21	11			2	1	36	42	78
Mt. Pleasant	T. P. Little	B. L. Goodwin, Zoar	4th	4	4	2	12			21	37	58
New Hope	A. Marsh	M. C. Austin, Negrohead	1st	2			1	1		15	37	52
New Salem	J. G. Gullege	Adam C. Penegar, Monroe		10	4			2		25	38	63
Oak Grove	J. W. Little	E. V. Polk, Winchester	1st	9	3		1	1		25	39	64
Olive Branch	D. A. Snider	H. T. Baucom, Olive Branch	4th		3		13		1	37	75	112
Philadelphia	A. Marsh	J. J. Cox, Brown Creek	4th	4	3	1	56	5		71	116	187
Pleasant Plain	D. A. Snider	W. S. Paxton, Matthews	1st			2			1	25	30	55
Sandy Ridge	J. W. Little	D. C. Montgomery, Mt. Prospect.	4th	17	8	1		4	3	51	53	104
Shiloh	R. H. James	J. S. Harkey, Stout	2nd	5	1	2	10	7		36	76	112
Waxhaw	A. B. Caudle	Jno. H. Godfrey, Waxhaw	2&4	13	13	1	5	1	2	99	135	234
Pleasant Hill	T. P. Little	Jno. F. Stewart, Euto	1st	15	3		3	3	1	19	52	71
	†J. B. Richardson Assistant.											
				174	121	21	192	58	25	1683	1078	2761

MINUTES

OF THE

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OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

Meadow Branch Baptist Church,

October 10th, 11th and 12th, 1895.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR:

H. E. COPPLE,.....Rock Rest, N. C.

CLERK:

T. W. MANESS,.....Ames, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

J. W. BIVENS, B. C. ASHCRAFT, J. T. BLACK, J. J. GODFREY, O. M. SANDERS.

COMMITTEE ON COLPORTAGE:

ELDER A. B. CAUDLE, R. REDFEARN, J. J. MOODY.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Bennett, J. L.,	Rock Rest,	North	Carolina.
Bivens, J. A.,	Richardson's Creek,	"	"
Caudle, A. B.,	Waxhaw,	"	"
Davis, E. L.,	Olive Branch,	"	"
Davis, A. C.,	Unionville,	"	"
Ferrell, B. S.,	Waxhaw,	"	"
Gulledge, J. G.,	Brown Creek,	"	"
James, B. H.,	Reuben,	"	"
Latta, A. T.,	Monroe,	"	"
Long, James,	Goldsboro,	"	"
Little, T. P.,	Olive Branch,	"	"
Marsh, A.,	Marshville,	"	"
Moore, Hight C.,	Monroe,	"	"
Rogers, O.,	Monroe,	"	"
Snider, D. A.,	Marshville,	"	"

LICENTIATES:

Benton, Bruce,	Wake Forest,	North	Carolina.
King, M. C.,	Lanes Creek,	"	"
Perry, P. E.,	Marshville,	"	"
Pardue, J. M.,	Waxhaw,	"	"
Rowell, J. E.,	Cleone,	"	"
Rowell, S. J.,	Cleone,	"	"
Snider, J. S.,	Wake Forest,	"	"

MEADOW BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH,
October 10th, 1895.

The Union Baptist Association met this day in its Forty-first Annual Session at 11 o'clock, A. M. Elder Hight C. Moore preaches the Introductory sermon from John 5th chapter, 39th verse. Rev. J. B. Richardson leads in prayer.

A recess of one hour is then taken.

At 1, P. M., the Association reassembles.

Rev. A. C. Davis reads 48th Psalm, and leads in prayer.

H. E. Copple, Moderator of last session, calls the body to order.

Church letters called for and are presented by the messengers. The Moderator appoints Rev. Hight C. Moore and Hampton C. Moore reading clerks. The following are the messengers from their respective churches:

Antioch—M. S. Baucom, J. A. Newton, J. W. Love.

Benton's Cross Roads—J. L. Benton, J. K. Tiull, L. R. Helms.

Bethel—J. B. Ashcraft, J. A. Bivens, Dr. R. Armfield.

Beaver Dam—J. W. Caudle, E. L. Gardner, S. G. Phifer.

Deep Spring—T. P. Sinclair, J. H. Mullis, W. A. Sinclair.

Ebenezer—W. A. Chaney, J. E. Rowell, S. H. Pyron.

Faulks—S. J. Helms, E. Snider, J B. Pierce.

Hermon—R. W. Flow, John Helms, O. M. Sanders.

Hopewell—R. Pope, J C. Sikes, Henry Dry.

Macedonia—D. A. Outen, K. B. Laney, Burton Parker.

Meadow Branch—M. W. Griffin, H. E. Copple, Wm. Perry.

Mill Creek—I. A. Clontz, J. G. Tomberlin, N. W. Braswell.

Monroe—R. Redfearn, V. C. Austin, B. C. Ashcraft.

Mt. Harmony—J. E. Sistar, L. T. Helms, O. R. Helms.

Mt. Pleasant—J. Q. A. Little, B. D. Anderson, W. E. Davis.

New Hope—J. L. Williams, J. L. Simpson, M. C. Austin.

New Salem—W. Helms, W. C. McQuirt, F. P. Pressley.

Oak Grove—L. Z. Gordon, O. Rogers, C. B. Gordon

Olive Branch—J. R. Stewart, G. W. Simpson, H. D. Allen.

Philadelphia—S. Smith, Charlie Morgan, M. C. King.

Pleasant Hill—J. L. Smith, T. F. Bryant, Joseph Birmingham.

Pleasant Plain—W. S. Paxton, L. D. McLeod.

Sandy Ridge—W. R. Bruce, J. D. Gordon, G. J. Richardson.

Shiloh—Marion Pressly, A. B. Helms, A. D. Benton.

Union—J. F. Carelock, P. A. Parker, S. F. Snider.

Walkersville—S. E. Starnes, W. J. Stewart.

Waxhaw—J. J. Godfrey, J. B. Godfrey, T. D. Rhiner.

ORGANIZATION.

On motion the rules are suspended and officers elected by acclamation. H. E. Copple, Moderator; T. W. Maness, Clerk; J. W. Bivens, Treasurer.

The following committees are appointed by the Moderator now and afterwards:

On Order of Business—Revs. J. L. Bennett, Hight C. Moore, and J. A. Bivens.

On Church Reception—Revs. A. C. Davis, A. B. Caudle, and D. A. Snider.

Finance—O. M. Sanders, J. C. Sikes, and Hampton C. Moore.

Requests and Queries—Rev. R. H. James, S. G. Phifer, and M. W. Griffin.

Obituaries—J. C. Sikes, Revs. T. P. Little and J. W. Little.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this church.

Visiting brethren are invited to seats in this body. The following brethren report themselves now and afterwards and are welcomed to seats by the Moderator: S. McIntyre, representing Biblical Recorder; Dr. T. H. Pritchard, of Charlotte; Dr. C. Durham, of Raleigh; and J. B. Boone, General Manager of Thomasville Orphanage.

The committee reports the follow Order of Business:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Friday, 9:30, A. M.—Devotional Exercises conducted by Rev. T. P. Little.

10, A. M.—Periodicals.

11, A. M.—State Missions with sermon by Dr. C. Durham.

1:30, P. M.—Orphanage.

2:30, P. M.—Temperance.

SATURDAY, 9:30, A. M.—Devotional Exercises conducted by Rev. A. B. Caudle.

10, A. M.—Home Missions.

11, A. M.—Education.

1, P. M.—Colportage.

1:30, P. M.—Associational Missions

2, P. M.—Ministerial Relief.

2:30, P. M.—Miscellaneous.

Rules of Decorum are read by Reading Clerk.

Letters are presented from Union and Walkersville churches desiring admission into this body, and on recommendation of committee are received and right hand of church fellowship extended to the messengers by the Moderator.

Report from Hight C. Moore, delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, is called for and made in a pointed speech.

The following delegates are appointed to Baptist State Convention: Revs. J. W. Little, J. L. Bennett, J. W. Bivens. Southern Baptist Convention: Rev. D. A. Snider, R. H. James, alternate.

Moved that the Clerk apportion the amount and ask the churches to pay expenses of delegates to Baptist State Convention.

The following delegates are appointed to sister associaciations: Stanly, A. C. Davis, R. H. James and D. A. Snider; Anson, J. L. Bennett, J. A. Bivens; Chesterfield, J. W. Little; York, A. B. Caudle; Mecklenburg and Cabarrus, Rev. J. B. Richardson.

Motion to adjourn is now made. The congregation sings "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

The benediction pronounced by Rev. J. A. Bivens.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. T. P. Little. 49th Psalm is read and Rev. R. H. James and Rev. J. A. Bivens lead in prayer.

The Association is called to order by Moderator. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. The report on Periodicals is called for and read by the writer, Rev. A. B. Caudle.

PERIODICALS.

One of the greatest instrumentalities in our growth, as Baptists, has been the denominational press. It is independent; it knows no master but Christ. If this has been the case in the past in must continue to be a strong defender, and promoter of Bible doctrines and Baptist principles.

The Biblical Recorder, the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, is conservative, honest and bold in its adherence to Bible doctrines, has little use for new theories, but contends earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints.

Among other Baptist periodicals we would recommend the North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, The Consolidated Mission Journal.

The above mentioned periodicals, with a number of others, furnish us with good, sound, wholesome, moral and religious literature. They also keep us in touch with the State, and progress of our Master's work at home and in foreign fields. Some or all of these should be taken and read by every Baptist family.

Respectfully submitted, A. B. CAUDLE.

The subject is discussed by S. McIntyre, Dr. T. H. Pritchard, A. C. Davis and J. B. Richardson. A canvass is now made and a good number of subscribers taken for the Biblical Recorder.

The report is received and adopted.

The report on State Missions is read by J. L. Bennett, the writer who was appointed having failed to write.

STATE MISSIONS.

The great mission work, as enjoined by our Savior, embraces all the world including all Christian activity, so that our motto should be "The world for Christ." But this department, State Missions, we should look after as near to us and see that every destitute place has the gospel. We have much encouragement, while God has in his providence and grace so signally blessed the efforts already put forth. Hundreds of churches have been established, thousands have been converted, and as there yet remains much to be done, large destitutions to be supplied, a large number of people in the dark, we should all lift up and turn on the light, by prayer which may be effectual, by doing our duty in contributions to the support of Missions as God has prospered us. J. L. BENNETT.

The report is adopted.

Moved that State and Foreign Missions be embodied in one and that Dr. Durham preach a sermon on both subjects.

The report on Foreign Missions is read by the writer, Rev. H. C. Moore, and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It is now rarely necessary to argue the duty of giving the gospel to all nations; but it is rather our province to encourage one another in the work and arouse a more intense enthusiasm.

The modern missionary movement, started 100 years ago, has been signalized by self-denying toil and gratifying success. During that time 2,000,000 converts have been won to Christ and a few translations of the Bible have multipled into 320 languages and dialects.

There are now 9000 foreign missionaries on the field and during 1894 Protestants gave $14,000,000 to carry forward the work.

Especially have we as Baptists reason to rejoice at the success of our missionary endeavor. It is a remarkable fact that while Baptists have given only half as much as other Protestant bodies still the results of their toil have been twice as great as that of any other. Can we fail to recognize in this the hand of God leading us into the heart of heathendom?

We of the Southern Baptist Convention are doing work through 187 missionaries in six foreign countries. One year ago we had 13 organized churches in China, 5 in Africa, 17 in Italy, 11 in Brazil, 37 in Mexico, and 1 in Japan—84 churches with a membership of 3,328. But this is only the opening of yet grander possibilities. These countries teem with 600 millions of people and hence there are more than 3,000,000 souls to each missionary we have on the field. With gratitude to God for the past it is essential that we gird on the armour with fresh hope, courage and energy for the future.

Seeing, then, the plain duty, the great responsibility, the urgent need, and the repeated signals of divine approval in Missions, we cannot afford to be idle through either wilful neglect or uninformed indifference. Therefore, this report ventures to suggest three things to the Association:

(1.) The preaching of a special missionary sermon during the coming year by every pastor to each of his churches.

(2.) The purchase and perusal of books, periodicals, tracts and other literature calculated to arouse zeal and further the mission cause.

(3) The organization, wherever practicable, of mission bands and societies under church supervision to enlarge missionary contributions, to deepen missionary enthusiasm, and to spread missionary intelligence.

HIGHT C. MOORE.

The choir sings "Send the Light" and Dr. C. Durham preaches a highly interesting sermon on State and Foreign Missions.

A recess of forty-five minutes is taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator calls the body to order. On motion the Orphanage is made a special order for tomorrow 11, a. m.

Associational Missions is now taken up and the report read by A. C. Davis.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

In Acts, the first chapter and 8th verse, we are taught that we shall be witnesses unto him both in Jerusalem and in all Judea. So, we find the work in our Association of the first importance to us, for if the spirit of missions is not cultivated at home it will not be abroad. No stream can rise higher than its source, and if we do not support missions in our own bounds we will not do much abroad. If we love

not the souls of our neighbors how can we love those of strangers, and if we do not supply the destitute portions of the Association others will do it, and as there are a good many such destitutions besides weak churches in these bounds, I believe that it would be wise for the Association to turn all our contributions for State missions into Associational missions for the present, and if Brother Durham wants to report it as the work of the State board, let him do so. In the Northwestern portion of our county and a part of Mecklenburg there is a section of country fifteen by twenty miles in which there is no Baptist church. Our cause is also very weak in the southwestern part of the county. Therefore I recommend that we do more for Associational missions than ever before. Respectfully submitted,

A. C. DAVIS.

On motion the writer is given five minutes more than the usual time in which to discuss it. The subject is discussed by the writer, A. B. Caudle, J. L. Bennett, and others, and on motion Dr. Durham is allowed ten minutes further to discuss it.

Moved that the executive committee be instructed to use so much of the State mission fund within the bounds of the Association as they may deem wise and turn the remainder over to the State Board. Pledges are taken for Foreign and State missions as follows:

	FOREIGN.	STATE.		FOREIGN.	STATE.
Antioch	$1.00	$2.00	Mt. Pleasant	$1.00	$1.00
Beaver Dam	5.00	10.00	New Hope	1.00	1.00
Benton's X Roads	1.00	2.00	New Salem	1.00	1.00
Bethel	5.00	6.00	Oak Grove	4.00	3.00
Deep Springs	2.00		Olive Branch	2.00	4.00
Ebenezer	1.00	1.00	Philadelphia	2.00	3.00
Faulks	2.00	5.00	Pleasant Plain	2.00	3.00
Hermon	1.co	7.00	Pleasant Hill	1.00	2.00
Hopewell	3.00	5.00	Sandy Ridge	2.00	2.00
Macedonia	5.00	6.00	Shiloh	2.00	2.00
Meadow Branch	10 00	10.00	Waxhaw	5.00	10.00
Mill Creek	2.00	5.00	Union	2.00	2.00
Monroe	15.00	35.00	Walkersville	2.00	2.00
Mt. Harmony	1.00	2.00			

Total for Foreign Missions $81. Total for State Missions $132.

The hour for the discussion of Temperance having arrived at 2 p. m. the hour for the discussion of this subject and for Home Missions is reversed and the latter subject is discussed by Dr. C. Durham and is adopted as discussed, the report to be handed to the Clerk later.

HOME MISSIONS.

This is a department of our work that is of vital importance. What the State Mission Board is to North Carolina the Home Mission

Board is to the Southern States. Besides the work needed among our native people, thousands of immigrants are pouring in among us from nearly every nation under heaven, bringing with them idol worship, ignorance, superstition, popery, infidelity and atheism. Is it not our duty to christianize these that they may return to their native land and carry the light and blessing of the gospel, as many have already done? Let us awake to our duty, for if we fail to christianize them they will heathenize us. The trouble with our people is ignorance of this great work, therefore we suggest that our pastors keep this great subject before the people. A. MARSH.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. A. B. Caudle, reading a part of first chapter of James.

The body is called to order by the Moderator. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. The report on Temperance is called for and read by writer, R. H. James, and discussed.

Report adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is the grace that we should add to knowledge, and as Christians, we should practice the same in thought, word and deed, that our lives may be a light to the unsaved. R. H. JAMES.

The report on Education is called for; the writer, R. F. Beasley, is absent. Rev. H. C. Moore, by request, opens the discussion in a very interesting speech Revs. J. B. Richardson, A. B. Caudle and R. H. James participate in the discussion. The report is now read by the writer and is adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The denominational institution for the education of our Baptist youth should have two distinct designs, namely: Ministerial education, and a liberal and Christian education for the lay members of our churches. For the education of the young men whom God has placed His seal and appointment we are amply prepared. With our College, its grand achievements, its sacred past, and its glorious future, we are able to give these young men the best general education obtainable—an education not only of the head and hand, but of the heart as well. And when this course is completed if he feels that it is his duty to still more fully prepare himself, there stands the glorious old Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, ready to welcome him to a fuller study of God, His works and His Word. And for this purpose it is our duty to support these institutions and the various boards connected with them, chiefest of which is the Ministerial Board of Wake Forest.

We need a wider system of education for the boys and girls of our denomination who are to be the lay members of our churches, for upon them no less than upon the ministers is the duty of perpetuating and expanding God's kingdom on earth. For this purpose we have,

for those who can possibly get there, Wake Forest College, and are soon to have the Female University. Than these there are no better in the land, and the influence of the former has been and is world wide. Let us support them to the greatest extent.

But there are a large number, in fact the great per centage of Baptist young men and women, boys and girls, who can never possibly see these institutions. Does that not suggest that we should have some kind of schools within their reach which will help to turn their lives to God and towards the spread of His kingdom? While not relaxing one effort in behalf of the institutions which we now have we should begin to look towards placing high schools nearer the doors of those who can never possibly get to college. When this is done, when we have at least one good Baptist high school in every association which shall do the work which it is impossible for the college to do, and the college does what this school cannot do, then the net work of our educational system will be complete and one of the mightiest forces for the glory of God and the good of mankind be kept in motion. Respectfully submitted, R. F. BEASLEY.

The subject of colportage is taken up and the report read by the writer, J. W. Bivens, and is discussed by him and A. B. Caudle and A. C. Davis.

COLPORTAGE.

This is an age of reading. Secular newspapers and frivolous literature are everywhere to be had for a song. They are being read, to a great extent to the neglect of the Bible and other religious books. To counteract their influence something more valuable must be placed in the hands of our people. The importance of Bible reading, of reading standard religious books, and of reading our own denominational literature must be impressed. There are few homes, perhaps, in our bounds but what have the Bible; but there are a great many almost or entirely destitute of other religious books, especially Baptist books. Our own people and the rising generation need to know more of our distinctive principles and doctrines; of what they have been worth to the world and what it cost to maintain them. These and other reasons commend the colportage work to our consideration. Nothing has been done alone this line during the past year. Shall we longer neglect it? We recommend that this association take some steps towards the active prosecution of this work in connection with other mission work in our bounds. Let us be agressive and not stand still till forced to defend ourselves against the false theories and isms that are being disseminated through corrupt literature. Respectfully, J. W. BIVENS.

The roll is called and the churches asked to pledge for colportage. The following pledges are for colportage: Beaver Dam, $1; Bethel $4; Benton's Cross Roads, $0.50; Deep Springs, $1; Ebenezer, $1; Faulks $1; Hermon. $1; Hopewell, $1; Macedonia, $1; Meadow Branch, $2; Mill Creek, $1; Monroe, $3; Mt. Harmony, $1; New Salem, $1; Oak Grove,

$1; Sandy Ridge, $1; Waxhaw, $2; Pleasant Hill, $1; Union, $1; Walkersville, $0.25. Total, $25.75.

The following amounts are also pledged for Education: Faulks, $1; Hermon, $3; Hopewell, $1; Meadow Branch, $2. Monroe, $10. Total,$ 17.

The following writers are appointed for next session: Education, Bruce Benton; State Missions, Rev. J. W. Little; Foreign Mission, Rev. J. A. Bivens; Home Missions, Hight C. Moore; Orphanage, J. J. Godfrey; Periodicals, Rev. J. L. Bennett; Colportage, D. A. Snider.

The body then adjourns for one hour. Benediction by A. C. Baker.

EVENING SESSION.

Committee on religious exercises report that Rev. J. B. Boone will preach at 11, a. m., on the following day, and Rev. H. C. Moore at one o'clock.

The report on Orphanage is read by O. M. Sanders, is discussed by J. B. Boone, the new Manager of the Thomasville Orphanage, in a tender and touching talk. Report is adopted.

ORPHANAGE.

The wisdom of establishing a Baptist Orphanage has been demonstrated. It is not only a blessing to the orphans but to us who support the work. We need it, Brethren, to develop the chief grace, charity, as much as the orphans need the help. It has been said that this is a work very near the hearts of the Baptists of North Carolina. This I believe is only partly true. The man who is really touched by the cry of the orphans has his pocketbook touched and while we have done a good work along this line, it is not near what it should be. There are hundreds of orphans all over North Carolina who are growing up in want, ignorance and immorality, and they appeal to us in the strongest terms. Respectfully submitted, O. M. SANDERS.

On motion a cash collection is taken for the Orphanage, amounting to $9.87.

Ministerial relief is now taken up and the report is read by B. C. Ashcraft, and adopted, and the discussion opened by the writer in a pathetic appeal for the disabled ministers.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

We are pledged to the support of an evangelical ministry among ourselves. That pledge within itself should be sufficient reason for us

to see to it that no minister shall be in want. There are a number of old ministers in the State who have spent their lives in the service of the Master and are now worn out and are dependent upon the contributions of their brethren. This duty is so plain that it needs no urging. One third of the money contributed to this object goes into a permanent interest bearing fund and in the course of time it is expected that the interest from this fund will in a great measure support the beneficiaries of the board. Let every church help support the Lord's poor. The worthiness of the cause commends itself to everyone.

Respectfully submitted, B. CLEGG ASHCRAFT.

A cash collection is now taken for Rev. E. L. Davis amounting to $22.62.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The report on requests and querries is received.

The following churches request the prayers of the Association: Shiloh, Oak Grove, Benton's Cross Roads, Antioch, Walkersville and New Salem. The following churches request the Association to hold its next session with them: Macedonia, Shiloh, Olive Branch, Mill Creek, New Salem and Mt. Harmony.

M. W. GRIFFIN,
R. H. JAMES,
SEBRON PHIFER.

The Association decides to hold its next session with the Olive Branch church, on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1896. Rev. D. A. Snider to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. J. W. Little Alternate.

The following report is read.

OBITUARIES.

Your committee on obituaries submit the following report. We find that during the past year God has called to their reward twenty-two of our brethren and sisters from fourteen of our churches. Two churches have lost three each, four churches have lost two each, and eight churches have lost one each. We extend to the bereaved our symyathy and commend them to the mercy and providence of God.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. LITTLE,
J. C. SIKES,
T. P. LITTLE.

Report of executive committee is read and received.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Through lack of funds your committee during the past year has been unable to rapidly push the work entrusted to our care. For this

reason we asked that our brethren both laymen and ministers volunteer work in revivals, prayer meetings, and Sunday schools at neglected points without remuneration. We are glad to report that some work of this kind has been done with gratifying results. But the work must not stop here. It is the opinion of this committee that our associational work demands special attention and that immediate and vigorous measures should be employed in its prosecution. Hence we recommend: 1. That our pastors be requested to supply destitute neighborhoods which they can reach from their churches and to present this committee with an itemized report of their work at the end of the associational year. 2. That our churches be urged to increase their contributions to this cause that all the destitution in our borders may be removed. 3. That the funds in our hands, amounting to $22.94, be turned over to the board which succeeds us.

HIGHT C. MOORE,
A. B. GAUDLE,
J. W. BIVENS,
O. M. SANDERS,
RANDOLPH REDFEARN.

The Finance Committee makes the following report as sent up by the churches: State Missions, $33.82; Foreign, $34.83; Home, $18.93; Associational, $20.55; Ministerial Education, $8.75; Orphanage, $19.17; Minute Fund, $30.75. Total, $166.75.

Treasurer's report is received. Executive committee is announced by the Moderator. The same committee as last year on colportage. A cash collection of $2.45 is taken to help the brethren at Antioch build a house of worship.

The following resolution is offered and unanimously adopted: Resolved, That brethren J. W. Bivens, Rev. H. C. Moore, O. M. Sanders, M. W. Griffin, J. C. Sikes, B. F. Parker and R. F. Beasley be appointed a board of trustees to secure, if possible, without a debt on the Association, suitable property in the bounds of this Association, in fee simple to them and their successors, and to establish and control an academy of high grade for the education of the boys and girls of this Associotion and the surrounding country.

Rev. A. C. Davis offers the following resolution which is adopted: Resolved, that the thanks of this body are hereby given to the hospitable people of Meadow Branch for their kindness in entertaining the Association; and to the Moderator and Clerk for their faithful services.

The Treasurer is authorized to pay out the money in hand for the different objects for which it was sent in. Prayer is now offered for the churches requesting it. The congrega tion sings "Till we meet," and a collection is taken for Rev. E. L. Davis amounting to $29.63.

The Association then adjourns to meet at time and place mentioned. Dismissed by J. B. Boone.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Rev. J. B. Boone preaches at 11 o clock from Mark 14:7. A collection of $9.65 is taken for the Orphanage. Rev. J. W. Little preaches in the school house from Thess., 5:9.

SUNDAY EVENING.

At 1 o'clock Rev. H. C. Moore preached from Dan. 5:30. After the sermon Rev. E. L. Davis, who for 62 years has stood watchman on the tower warning sinners to flee from the wrath to come, gives to the Association what he believes to be his last farewell. Eyes were melted to tears as the old veteran of the cross shook hands with the children in the ministry, admonishing them to stand firm and meet him on the otheo shore. Thus closed a most prosperous session of the Union Association.

T. W. MANESS, Clerk. H. E. COPPLE, Moderator.

Treasurer's Report, 1895.

	Cr.	Dr.
STATE MISSIONS.		
Received from churches		$ 31 59
Received from Finance Committee		33 82
Paid J. D. Boushall, Treasurer B. S. C	$31 59	65 41
Balance		33 82
FOREIGN MISSIONS.		
Received from churches		$ 13 76
Received from Finance Committee		34 83
Paid J. D. Boushall, Treasurer B. S. C	$13 76	48 59
Balance		34 83
HOME MISSIONS.		
Received from churches		$ 16 00
Received from Finance Committee		18 93
Paid J. D. Boushall, Treasurer B. S. C	$16 00	34 93
Balance		18 93
ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.		
Balance		$ 21 85
Collection at S. S. Convention		1 09
Received from Monroe Church		5 00
Received from Finance Committee		20 53
Balance		48 49
BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.		
Received from churches		$ 22 09
Received from Finance Committee		19 17
Paid J. D. Boushall, Treasurer B. S. C	$22 09	41 26
Balance		19 17
MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.		
Received from Monroe church		$ 10 00
Received from Finance Committee		8 75
Paid J. D. Boushall, Treasurer B. S. C	$10 00	18 75
Balance		8 75
MINUTE FUND.		
Balance		$ 30 42
Received from Finance Committee		30 70
Paid R. Redfearn, Clerk	$30 42	61 12
Balance		30 70
Colportage balance		38

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BIVENS.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastors' Salary.	Church Expences	Ministerial Education	Baptist Orphanage	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects	Minute Fund	Grand Total
Antioch	$ 30 00	$	$ 1 00	$ 1 42	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$	$ 50	$	$	$ 1 00	$ 38 99
Beaver Dam	65 00	100 00	1 00	.....	2 00	2 00	3 00	5 00	.....	45 00	2 00	225 00
Bentons X Roads	25 00	2 60	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.. ...	1 00	.....	.....	75	31 35
Bethel	40 00	3 00	.....	5 00	70	5 00	3 25	5 00	2 25	3 65	1 00	71 93
Deep Spring	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ebenezer	20 00	5 66	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	50 00	1 00	79 60
Faulks	36 00	.....	.....	.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 50	1 50	51 20
Hermon	65 00	6 00	3 00	6 33	.....	5 00	2 00	5 00	.....	.....	40	92 73
Hopewell	75 00	2 00	1 25	1 10	2 50	2 65	.....	3 00	.....	5 30	1 50	94 40
Macedonia	66 20	1 00	... ..	1 91	1 25	2 73	2 12	3 00	1 02	2 05	1 50	83 05
Meadow Branch	190 00	1 53	.....	6 09	.....	10 00	11 75	7 87	.. ...	.....	2 19	229 28
Mill Creek	.....	.....	.....	1 36	1 00	2 00	75	2 00	.....	.....	1 25	8 36
Monroe	600 00	116 52	20 00	14 25	5 00	20 00	9 50	10 00	.....	30 50	2 55	1001 49
Mt. Harmony	50 00	57 00	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	46 00	70	157 75
Mt. Pleasant	.....	2 00	.....	50	1 00	.....	50	.....	.....	2 07	65	6 72
New Hope	16 50	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	1 10	1 00	.....	.....	75	20 85
New Salem	40 00	2 80	.....	1 75	15	40	35	55	.....	.....	1 95	47 95
Oak Grove	5 00	9 70	.....	1 00	.....	2 00	.....	3 00	.....	2 50	1 00	70 92
Olive Branch	40 00	2 20	.....	1 96	1 00	1 45	1 00	1 00	.....	2 10	1 00	51 71
Philadelphia	40 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	1 51	55 51
Pleasant Plain	51 00	5 00	1 50	1 50	75	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	75	63 50
Pleasant Hill	.....	4 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.. ....	1 10	7 10
Sandy Ridge	50 00	9 00	.....	1 65	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	8 45	55	71 65
Shiloh	50 00	5 00	.....	2 10	1 00	1 00	25	1 00	.....	.....	75	61 10
Union	50 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	52 50
Walkersville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....
Waxhaw	20 00	111 50	.....	4 54	5 00	5 00	1 50	5 00	12 23	.....	1 00	345 73
	$1689 70	$ 456 51	$27 75	$55 46	$30 55	$67 25	$40 32	$57 92	$15 50	$210 12	$29 95	$3220 24

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Clerks and their Postoffices.	Preaching Sabbath.	Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total Membrship
Antioch	A. Marsh	J. T. Bost, Leo,	3d	14	3	..	....	2	..	13	24	37
Beaver Dam	J. L. Bennett	J. W. Caudle, Marshville	3d	17	6	1	6	1	1	67	127	194
Bentons X Roads	J. W. Snider	S. A. Helms, Unionville	2d	22	2	2	5	8	..	34	49	83
Bethel	J. A. Bivens.	H. B. Marsh, Beaven Dam	4th	1	1	..	3	..	..	17	34	51
Deep Spring	R. T. Caudle	J. H. Mullis, Honey	2d	..	....	1	2	..	2	46	24	70
Ebenezer	R. H. James.	W. A. Chaney, Baucoms	2d	4	8	..	1	..	1	35	47	82
Faulks	R. H. James.	J. F. Moore, Faulks	1st	10	10	..	14	9	..	47	100	147
Hermon	A. B. Caudle	O. M. Sanders, Walkersville	3d	..	....	..	6	..	..	18	21	39
Hopewell.	D. A. Snider	W. L. Biggers, Long's Store	1st	5	3	..	3	1	1	56	87	143
Macedonia	J. A. Bivens.	J. B. Outen, Monroe	2d	15	6	1	11	1	1	41	80	121
Meadow Branch	E. L. Davis†	Bright Griffin, Ames	2d	16	11	..	5	2	2	90	139	229
Mill Creek	D. A. Snider	T. F. James, Judith	3d	9	1	1	4	11	..	55	83	138
Monroe	Hight C. Moore	C. A Goodin, Monroe	each	24	5	1	5	2	2	71	133	204
Mt. Harmony	D. A. Snider	J. T. Moser, Mathews	2&4	15	1	1	6	2	2	41	44	85
Mt. Pleasant	T. P. Little	B. L. Goodwin, Zoar	4th	2	2	..	1	..	1	21	39	60
New Hope	A. Marsh	M. C. Austin, Negrohead	1st	..	....	..	1	..	..	14	37	51
New Salem	J. W. Little	A. C. Penegar, Monroe	1st	19	1	4	1	..	..	38	52	90
Oak Grove	J. W. Little	W. K. Rape, Monroe	1st	33	3	2	1	..	1	49	57	106
Olive Branch	A. Marsh	H. T. Baucom, Olive Branch	4th	16	1	1	1	2	2	46	79	125
Philadelphia.	D. A. Snider.	J. J. Cox Brown Creek	4th	14	4	2	18	6	1	70	125	195
Pleasant Plain	J. J. Paysuer	L. D. McLeod, Mathews	1st	19	2	..	1	1	..	45	60	105
Pleasant Hill	...	J. L. Smith, Euto	1st	7	....	3	2	..	3	23	49	72
Sandy Ridge	J. W. Little	D. C. Montgomery, Monroe	4th	22	8	9	7	11	..	57	70	127
Shiloh	R. H. James.	J. S. Harkey, Stout	2d	17	2	8	7	4	3	45	76	121
Union	J. W. Little	E. R. Snider, Lane's Creek	2d	18	4	..	1	1	1	40	44	84
Waxhaw	A: B. Caudle	J. H. Godfrey, Waxhaw	2&4	4	....	..	5	3	1	98	131	229
Walkersville	...	F. E. Starnes, Walkersville	...	5	4	..	....	..	..	4	5	9
	†J. B. Richardson Assistant.			348	88	37	117	67	25	1181	1806	2987

BEAVER DAM BAPTIST CHURCH,
June 28th, 1895,

The Union Baptist Sunday School Convention met in regular session at 11, a. m.

Sermon by Rev. Bruce Benton. Recess for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elder A. B. Caudle reads 8th Psalm and J. A. Bivens leads in prayer.

The following officers were elected: A. B. Caudle, President; J. L. Bennett, Vice President; J. S. Snider, Secretary.

First subject: Who should constitute the Sunday School? Discussed by N G. Thomas, T. P. Little, J. W. Little, and J. L. Bennett.

On motion the Convention adjourns till 9:30 tomorrow.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Rev. T. P. Little conducts the praise service.

"The relation of the Sunday School to the church." Discussed by J. J. Godfrey. "Its relation to the home." Discussed by H. E. Copple. "The relation of the Sunday School to the State." Discussed by T. L. Caudle.

Short talks are made by different members on the best thing in their schools.

"What is our duty to the non-goers to the Sunday school and to those who do not attend regularly?" Discussed by S. G. Phifer.

The following are elected the executive committee: A. B. Caudle, J. W. Bivens, H. C. Moore, and J. S. Snider.

On motion the convention decides to hold its next session with Waxhaw, on Friday before the third Sunday in July.

On motion the Convention adjourned to meet at Waxhaw at the appointed time. Benediction by Elder A. B. Caudle.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Name of School.	Superintendents and their Postoffice.	Number of Scholars	Officers & Teachers	Total.	Average Attendance	Lessson Helps.	Contributions.	Months Open.
Antioch.	J. A. Newton, Longs Store	35	7	43	27	1	$ 2 07	9
Beaver Dam	S. G. Phifer, Beaver Dam,	84	7	91	60	74	20 00	12
Bentons X Roads	J. K. Trull, Raywood,	33	6	39	33	....	4 98	6
Bethel	F. A. Marsh, Beaver Dam,	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
Deep Spring	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
Ebenezer	G. W. Baucom, Unionville,	62	7	69	46	37	4 00	9
Faulks	E. C. Snider, Beaver Dam,	....	....	....	.. .	....	.....	....
Hermon	W. S. Garrison, Walkup,	40	6	46	38	41	8 70	9
Hopewell.	J. B. Beckham, Coburns Store,	70	6	76	....	....	.....	9
Macedonia	N. A. Funderburk, Monroe,	48	6	54	38	40	6 45	9
Meadow Branch.	E. W. Griffin, Ames,	116	10	126	80	111	14 70	12
Rock Rest	James H. Williams, Rock Rest,	81	9	66	....	....	5 22	12
Bellfield	N. W. Bivens, Rock Rest,	69	6	75	42	....	2 50	6
Friendship	T. W. Maness, Ames,	69	6	75	59	29	6 09	6
Mill Creek	J. C, Pusser, Unionville,	72	8	80	40	70	5 00	6
Monroe	F. B. Ashcraft, Monroe,	175	10	185	105	150	71 48	12
Mt. Harmony	J. E. Sistair, Matthews,	45	6	51	60	20	10 00	12
Mt. Pleasant	Ellis Godwin, Monroe,	54	4	58	30	32	2 07	6
New Hope	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
New Salem.	W. C. Helms, Monroe,	61	6	67	30	....	60	8
Oak Grove	W. K. Rape, Monroe,	58	7	65	38	33	2 25	12
Olive Branch	W. L. Parker, Olive Branch,	75	5	80	40	40	4 00	9
Philadelphia.	J. L. Autry, Brown Creek,	50	5	55	40	40	3 00	....
Pleasant Plain.	W. S. Paxton, Matthews,	45	5	40	35	....	6 00	10
Sandy Ridge	W. R. Bruce, Altan,	117	10	127	77	287	8 46	12
Shiloh.	W. J. Sutton, Stout,	55	11	66	30	158	4 84	7
Union	B. F. Parker, Lanes Creek,	75	6	81	....	37	15 00	12
Waxhaw	J. J. Godfrey, Waxhaw,	70	10	80	54	140	11 19	12
Walkersville	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
		1659	96	1785	902	1240	150 60	9¾

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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

O. M. Sanders, Rev. H. C. Moore, J. W. Bivens, J. J. Godfrey and Jonathan Gorden.

COMMITTEE ON COLPORTAGE.

Rev. A. B. Caudle, Randolph Redfearn and J. J. Moody.

TRUSTEES OF THE WINGATE SCHOOL.

F. M. Sutton, G. W. Simpson, J. C. Sikes, J. B. Mangum,
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B. F. Parker, J. J. Godfrey, J. W. Bivens.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Bennett, J. L.....Rock Rest, N. C.
Baker, A. C.....Monroe, "
Bivens, J. A.....Richardson's Creek, "
Caudle, A. B.....Waxhaw, "
Davis, A. C.....Olive Branch, "
Farrell, B. S.....Waxhaw, "
James, R. H.....Reubin, "
Joplin, D.....Lane's Creek, "
Latta, A. T.....Monroe, "
Little, T. P.....Olive Branch, "
Little, J. W.....Ames, "
Marsh, A.....Marshville, "
Moore, Hight C.....Monroe, "
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Snider, D. A.....Marshville, "

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King, M. C.....Lane's Creek, N. C.
Pardue, J. M.....Waxhaw, "
Perry, P. E.....Marshville, "
Reader, J. H.....Monroe, "
Snider, J. S.....Wake Forest, "

PROCEEDINGS.

OLIVE BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH, }
October 8, 1896. }

The Union Baptist Association met this day in its 42d annual session, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Rev. D. A. Snider preached the Introductory Sermon from II Tim. 4th chap. and first clause of 2d verse.

A recess of one hour is now taken.

1 O'CLOCK P. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. H. C. Moore reading 27th Psalm.

H. E. Copple, Moderator of previous session, calls the body to order.

Letters from the different churches are called for and presented.

Brethren J. L. Bennett and Hampton C. Moore are appointed Reading Clerks.

The letters are read and the following delegates' names enrolled, and absentees marked*:

Antioch---B. F. Green, J. H. Presson, J. P. Hinson.
Beaver Dam---H. B. Griffin, J. C. Morgan, W. B. Marsh.
Benton's X Roads---J. C. Presslar, J. M. Benton*, J. F. Belk.
Bethel---F. A. Marsh*, C. P. Moore*, Rev. J. A Bivens.
Deep Spring---C. C. Davis, A. C. Phifer, G. F. Caudle.
Ebenezer---J. D. Helms, L. L. Pyron*, S. J. Rowell.
Faulk's---S. D. Griffin*, S. J. Haney*, Rev. D. A. Snider.
Hermon---J. E. Starnes*, John Helms, O. M. Sanders.
Hopewell---J. C. Sikes*, W. G. Long*, R. Pope.
Macedonia---L. C. Broom*, J. B. Mangum, W. D. L. Presslar.
Meadow Branch---John C. Williams, H. C. Moore, M. C. Long.
Mill Creek---J. C. Baucom, J. N. Hagler, Elijah Simpson.
Monroe---Rev. Hight C. Moore, J. Moody, J. C. Fletcher.
Mount Harmony—A. M. Newell, J. E. Sistair, L. T. Helms.
Mount Pleasant—J. Q. A. Little.
New Hope—A. J. Mullis, M. C. Austin, J. T. Rushing.
New Salem---J. R. Helms, Z. U. Secrest, W. C. Helms.
Oak Grove—J. H. Reader, Lonnie Forbes, W. McGuirt.

Olive Branch—J. C. Gaddy, J. W. Dees, G. W. Simpson.
Philadelphia—M. L. Baker, H. C. Smith*, M. C. King.
Pleasant Hill—C. P. Stewart*, Walter Edwards, W. Tucker.
Pleasant Plain—L. D. McLeod, J. M. Paxton, J. H. Wilson.
Sandy Ridge—A. C. Baker, G. J. Richardson, A. Crook.
Shiloh—Leroy Crook, P. C. Fowler, Eli Crook.
Union—J. T. Tucker, J. L. Thomas*, B. F. Parker.
Waxhaw—Henry Godfrey, Adam McManess, L. M. Rhiner.

Organization.

On motion, the rules are suspended and officers elected by acclamation. H. E. Copple is re-elected Moderator; T. W. Maness, Clerk; Jno. W. Bivens, Treasurer.

Moderator and Clerk tender thanks for honors again conferred.

Moderator announces the following committees now and afterwards:

Order of Business—Revs. J. A. Bivens, H. C. Moore, A. C. Davis.
Church Reception—Rev. R. H. James, M. C. King, J. E. Sistair.
Finance—O. M. Sanders, L. M. Rhiner, Hampton C. Moore.
Religious Exercises—Pastors and Deacons of this Church.
Requests and Queries—Rev. D. A. Snider, M. C. Long, W. A. Edwards.
Obituaries—Rev. J. A. Bivens, Rev. H. C. Moore, J. E. Rowell.

Report from delegate to Southern Baptist Convention is now called for, and brother D. A. Snider makes the report in a short speech. Dr. J. B. Richardson also makes a short talk.

Report from State Convention is made by Rev. H. C. Moore.

Reports from delegates to sister Associations are asked for. Brother A. C. Davis reports that he attended the Stanley Association, and found that body, though small, doing a great work for the Master.

Rev. J. L. Bennett attended the Anson, and was cordially welcomed.

The following delegates are appointed to the

State Convention—Rev. R. H. James, A. C. Davis, O. M. Sanders, J. L. Bennett and Rev. T. P. Little.

A collection is now taken for brother T. P. Little,

who is sick, to pay expenses to State Convention or any use he may wish. The collection amounts to $7.88.

Rev. A. Marsh is appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in the city of Wilmington, N. C., in the month of May, 1897. Rev. T. P. Little, alternate,

The following delegates are appointed to sister Associations:

Stanley---Rev. R. H. James, A. C. Davis, D. A. Snider.
Pee Dee—J. A. Bivens, J. L. Bennett.
Cheterfield—A. C. Baker.
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus---S. J. Rowell, Dr. J. Richardson, J. L. Bennett.

Committee on Order of Business make the following report:

FRIDAY---9:30 A. M., Devotional Exercises; 10 A. M., Home and Foreign Missions; 11 A. M., Education, with report of Trustees of Associational School; 1:30 P. M., Temperance; 2:30 P. M., Orphanage.
SATURDAY---9:30 A. M., Devotional Exercises; 10 A. M., Colportage and Periodicals; 11 A. M., State and Associational Missions; 1:30 P. M., Aged Ministers' Relief; 2:30 P. M., Miscellaneous Business.

Motion to adjourn, is now made, and the benediction pronounced by D. Joplin.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9:30.

Devotional exercises conducted by Dr. J. B. Richardson.

Constitution and Rules of Decorum are read by the Reading Clerk.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

Brethren S. F. Conrad of the Pilot Mountain Association and C. W. Blanchard of the Raleigh are welcomed to seats in the body.

The Association now joins brother J. A. Bivens, in prayer for Rev. J. W. Little, who is laboring as an evangelist and very unwell.

10 A. M., the hour for Home and Foreign Missions

having arrived, the reports were called for and read by Rev. H. C. Moore, and he also makes a pointed speech on the same. The report is received.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

1. Significance. If foreign mission work means going forth to "teach all nations," the home mission work is "beginning at Jerusalem." Each supplements the other, and both are essential to the progress of the Master's kingdom.

2. Scope. Our home mission work is confined to the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention and the island of Cuba. It has five departments, embracing work among the Cubans, Negroes, Indians, Foreign Population and Native Whites.

3. Success. God has signally blessed our efforts in this line. Thousands of our missionaries have labored in the destitute fields of our beloved Southland. Thousands of churches have been established, and many more aided in trying times. Last year there were 5,617 baptisms, and a total additions to the churches of 13,295. Three hundred and ninety-two Sunday-schools were organized, 207 churches constituted, 92 houses of worship built, and 146 improved at a cost of over $86,000.

4. Status. Last May our Board reported the number of missionaries to be 411. These are supplying 1,626 churches and stations. This year was begun with a debt of nearly $8,000. We are now spending in this work over $75,000 a year, and our home missions property is valued at $105,000.

On motion, the report is adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions is read by Rev. J. A. Bivens, and discussed by the writer and S. F. Conrad in appropriate talks.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The spirit of missions is the life of the church at home. Christ was a missionary, and said go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. The church that has no missionary spirit will surely die.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Bivens.

The roll is called and delegates are asked to pledge for Home and Foreign Missions.

The following are the pledges:

	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Antioch	$ 2 00	$ ....
Beaver Dam	3 00	5 00
Benton's X Roads	1 00	3 50
Bethel	3 00	6 00
Deep Spring	1 00	2 50
Ebenezer	1 50	1 50
Faulk's	2 00	3 00
Hermon	4 00	6 00
Hopewell	4 00	6 00
Macedonia	1 00	3 00
Meadow Branch	7 50	7 50
Mill Creek	4 00	3 00
Monroe	10 00	15 00
Mount Harmony	3 00	3 00
Mount Pleasant	1 00	1 00
New Hope	....	....
New Salem	1 50	1 50
Oak Grove	3 00	4 00
Olive Branch	2 00	2 00
Philadelphia	3 00	5 00
Pleasant Plain	2 00	1 50
Pleasant Hill	1 00	1 00
Sandy Ridge	2 00	3 00
Shiloh	1 00	3 00
Union (paid)	2 00	2 00

The report is received and adopted.

The report on Education is now read by brother O. M. Sanders.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

1. Under our present educational system a large majority of children are dependent on the State for the rudiments of an education. Their intellectual training begins and ends in the public school. So long as this condition remains, we should do all in our power to make these schools as efficient as possible.

2. While we favor the maintenance of primary schools by the State, we are opposed to appropriations to higher education. In other words, we are in favor of State aid for the dependent masses, but opposed to it for a favored few.

3. Of the academies worthy of patronage, the one most fully commending itself to this Association is its own school, Wingate, of which it may justly be proud, and which should receive the hearty support of every church in this Association.

4. For the higher education of our young men, Wake Forest College is the peer of any institution in the South. Every Baptist young man, who can possibly do so, should avail himself of its advantages.

5. The Female University, now in course of erection at Raleigh, for the education of young women, is an enterprise that is likely to do a great work for the State and for the Baptist denomination. It is worthy of our sympathy and aid.

6. The Board of Education at Wake Forest is commended to our interest and liberality. Thirty-five young ministers were aided last year, and about thirty have been received this year. The needs of the Board are pressing, and the churches must respond or this important work suffer.

7. For the special training of young ministers, we believe no institution to be superior to our own Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

FRIDAY, 1 P. M.

Moderator calls the body to order. Prayer by brother J. E. Rowell.

On motion, the regular order is suspended, and the subject of Education is continued, and is discussed by C. W. Blanchard and J. B. Richardson.

The roll of churches is now called and delegates asked to pledge for Ministerial Education.

The following are the pledges:

Bethel	$ 1 00	Hermon	$ 3 00
Ebenezer	1 00	Monroe	10 00
Faulk's	1 00	Mount Harmony	1 00
Hopewell	1 00	Pleasant Plain	50
Meadow Branch	5 00		

On motion, the report is adopted.

Associational School is now taken up, and the report read by brother J. W. Bivens.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

We, your Board of Trustees appointed at our last annual meeting to secure suitable property and establish an academy of high grade, beg leave to report:

1. We have secured for your school a location at Ames, which for its accessibility, healthfulness, moral and religious surroundings, railroad and church facilities is not surpassed.

2. The school grounds, embracing ten acres of land, have been generously donated by Bro. G. Stewart to the Association, through its Trustees, for this purpose.

3. It being our opinion that as a safe-guard to the institution, you should control to some extent, its immediate surroundings, we have secured an option on 26 acres of land surrounding the ten acres above mentioned, and well situated for building lots.

4. A convenient and adequate school building has been erected by the citizens of the community without any cost whatever to the Association.

5. We have secured as Principal of the school Prof. M. B. Dry of our own Association, and a recent A. M. graduate of Wake Forest College; and as assistant Miss Mollie Scoggin, of Reidsville, a graduate of Thomasville Female College.

6. Subject to the approval of the Association we have given the Academy the name of "The Wingate School," in honor of the lamented Dr. W. M. Wingate, for many years the honored President of Wake Forest College.

7. As regards the present status of the school, it affords us pleasure to report a good attendance and efficient work.

So much for the work already done. But while the Association is to be congratulated upon its good fortune so far, there yet remains much more to be accomplished. Two immediate and urgent needs of this infant enterprise, we beg leave to lay before you.

1. Your school building needs seating at once with comfortable seats. Those now in use are only temporary and entirely inadequate. We recommend that the Association provide for the immediate purchase of the most improved single seats and desks.

2. Very great advantage would come to the school from the purchase of the plat of land on which we have an option. We therefore suggest that you buy this plat of land to be held for the use of the school, or sold for building lots, as the demands of the school may require, the fund arising from the sale of lots to be used only in equipment or endowment, but at no time to defray the running expenses of the school.

Finally, we wish to record our earnest plea for the co-operation of all the churches. Remember that this is your work, and that, if fully established and properly conducted, it will be for the uplifting of coming generations—a mighty force and factor in the religious, social and intellectual life of the young.

Pray for its prosperity and work for its success.

J. W. BIVENS,
Chairman Board of Trustees.

The report is discussed by the writer, Dr. J. B. Richardson and Prof. M. B. Dry in appropriate speeches, and the report is adopted.

"The Wingate School" is the name given the Association school.

On motion, the space on back of the Minutes is given the school for advertisement.

A collection is now taken to secure desks for The Wingate School, resulting as follows:

J. W. Bivens	8 seats.	R. H. James	1 "
O. M. Sanders	3 "	Antioch Church	1 "
J. C. Sikes	2½ "	Beaver Dam Church	1 "
Prof. M. B. Dry	2½ "	Monroe "	5 "
J. L. Bennett	1 "	Oak Grove "	1 "
E. C. Williams	1 "	Olive Branch "	1 "
F. M. Sutton	1 "	J. M. Austin	1 "
J. P. Horn	1 "	Bethel Church	$7 50
Ashcraft Bros.	1 "	Macedonia	5 50
Dr. J. B. Richardson	2 "		

On motion, a committee is appointed to nominate a Board of Trustees for The Wingate School. The following are the names of the brethren composing this committee:

Rev. J. H. Bivens, John C. Williams, Dr. J. B. Richardson, J. J. Godfrey and Rev. R. H. James.

The report of the Board of Trustees is received, and a vote of thanks tendered them for their services.

The committee to nominate an Executive Board nominate the following brethren:

O. M. Sanders, Rev. H. C. Moore, J. W. Bivens, J. J. Godfrey and Jonathan Gorden.

Temperance is now taken up and the report read by brother A. C. Baker, and is discussed by the writer, Rev. A. C. Davis, Dr. J. B. Richardson and C. W. Blanchard.

The report is received and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is one of the cardinal virtues of the Christian religion. The Bible condemns the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. The evils of the liquor traffic are many and self-evident.

The saloon is a menace to our Christian civilization. It threatens every phase of our social and moral existence. It even invades our churches and decoys some whose names are on our church books, and thus brings reproach on the cause of Christ.

Is it not our duty as Christians—as Baptists, to use every means in our power to remove the curse from amongst us?

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. BAKER.

Brother C. W. Blanchard is now asked to address the body on the subject of Christian Education, and responded in a highly interesting speech.

Motion to adjourn is now made, and the Association dismissed by brother A. Marsh.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9:30.

Devotional exercises conducted by brother S. F. Conrad. Prayer by Dr. J. B. Richardson and A. C. Baker.

At 10 A. M. the Moderator calls the body to order.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

The following writers are appointed for 1897:

Foreign Missions—Rev. D. A. Snider.
State and Associational Missions—J. L. Bennett.
Home Missions—B. C. Ashcraft.
Orphanage—Rev. A. Marsh.
Education—Rev. Hight C. Moore.
Aged Ministers' Relief—O. M. Sanders.
Temperance—M. C. Long.
Periodicals—J. W. Bivens.
Colportage—Rev. A. B. Caudle.

Brother Oscar T. Smith, Agent and Correspondent of the *Biblicat Recorder*, and brother J. W. Cobb, of the *N. C. Baptist*, are welcomed by the Moderator to seats.

Report of the nominating committee to nominate Trustees for the Wingate School, is read by brother J. B. Richardson.

On motion to adopt, is discussed by Dr. Richardson and others.

Your Committee on Nomination of Trustees for Wingate School, and to recommend the further action of the Association in establishing and governing the school, report as follows:

First. We recommend that the number of Trustees elected for the control of the school be fifteen.

Second. That these Trustees shall be composed of members in good standing of churches belonging to this Association.

Third. That the full time of office of the Trustees shall be six years, the time of one-third the number expiring alternately every two years.

Fourth. That all Trustees are to be elected by the Association in regular session, except in cases of death or otherwise a lack of qualification on the part of a member, whose place may be supplied by the Board of Trustees till a meeting of the Association.

Fifth. That these Trustees shall give a full and accurate report of the status of the school at each regular session of the Association.

Sixth. That a quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of five members of the Board present, after full notice of the call for the meeting has been served upon the entire Board by proper authority.

Seventh. It shall not be the privilege of the Trustees to encumber

any of the property of the school without the advice of the Association.

Eighth. That the Trustees at the forthcoming session of the Legislature procure a suitable charter for the Wingate School as the property of the Union Association.

Ninth. No one shall be eligible to teach in the Wingate School who is not a member of a regular Baptist church.

Tenth. That the following five brethren be elected as Trustees, whose term shall expire at the meeting of the Union Association in A. D. 1898, viz: F. M. Sutton, G. W. Simpson, B. F. Parker, J. B. Mangum and R. H. James.

That the following named brethren be elected as Trustees, their term of office expiring with the meeting of Union Association A. D. 1900, viz: R. F. Beasley, Jonathan Gordon, J. J. Godfrey, J. L. Bennett and Thomas E. Williams.

And that the following be elected as Trustees for the full term of six years, ending with the meeting of the Union Association in A. D. 1902, viz: O. M. Sanders, D. A. Covington, J. C. Sikes, J. A. Bivens and J. W. Bivens.

The report is adopted.

The following motion is now made by brother Hight C. Moore:

That the Trustees of the Wingate School be authorized to purchase the 26 acres of land surrounding the school ground, on which they have an option, on such terms and conditions as they may deem wise and best for the good of the school and the Association, provided no encumbrance is placed upon any of the school property outside of this plat of land.

The motion carries.

On motion, this Association tenders a vote of thanks to the "Heath Hardware Company" for the bell donated by them to the Wingate School.

On motion, Periodicals is the subject next taken up, and report read by brother Hight C. Moore.

PERIODICALS.

At no time in the history of our country has the press wielded a more powerful influence than at the present. Satan, employing the press, with various other means, is flooding the country with corrupt and destructive literature.

We must have good and wholesome literature, elevating and promoting so the best interests of our people, counteracting the evil influences of the adversary. We recommend the *Biblical Recorder* and the *Baptist*, *Our Home Field*, *The Foreign Mission Journal*, *Charity and Children*, the *Holy Bible* and tracts published by the American Baptist Publication Society, illustrating the glorious doctrines of the Bible and the condition of mankind.

J. L. BENNETT.

The report is received.

The report on Colportage is called for and is read by brother D. A. Snider.

The report is received.

COLPORTAGE.

We are living in a fast age. Many great improvements have been made in the things of the world, but none in the religion of Jesus Christ or the plan of salvation. The fundamental principles are still repent, believe and be baptized. This is God's way and the old time religion, but there is much literature distributed and read contrary to this teaching, and as men are saved by the belief of the truth and sanctification of the Spirit, and as the church of God is the pillar and ground of truth, there rests on us great obligations to give the truth to the world, and especially to the people in our Association. We can do this by preaching the word and distributing religious and standard literature. I can't think we need to employ a colporter to do this work. If our Association will furnish the means and the literature, we preachers can do the work without any expense. Respectfully,

D. A. SNIDER.

The subject of Periodicals is now discussed, brother Oscar T. Smith representing the *Biblical Recorder* and brother J. W. Cobb representing the *North Carolina Baptist*.

On motion, the report is adopted.

The report on State and Associational Missions is now called for. The brother appointed failing to write, brother C. W. Blanchard discussed the subjects in an interesting speech.

The roll is now called and delegates asked to pledge for State and Associational Missions. The following are the pledges:

Antioch	$ 1 00	Mount Pleasant	1 00
Benton's X Roads	50	New Hope	1 00
Bethel	3 00	New Salem	1 00
Ebenezer	2 00	Oak Grove	3 00
Faulk's	2 00	Olive Branch	4 00
Hermon	10 00	Philadelphia	3 00
Hopewell	3 00	Sandy Ridge	2 00
Macedonia	4 00	Pleasant Hill	2 00
Meadow Branch	15 00	Waxhaw	10 00
Monroe	25 00	Union	1 00
Mount Harmony	2 00		

On motion, the report is adopted as discussed.

The report on Requests and Queries is read by brother D. A. Snider.

REQUESTS AND QUERIES.

Your Committee on Requests and Queries beg leave to submit the following report:

Shiloh, Mount Harmony, Macedonia, Waxhaw, Oak Grove, Mill Creek and Hermon churches request this body to hold its next session with them.

The following churches request the prayers of this body: New Salem and Oak Grove.

Union church requests the Association to aid them in finishing their house of worship.

Respectfully submitted, D. A. SNIDER, M. C. LONG, W. A. EDWARDS, } *Com.*

This body now decides to hold its next session with the church at Oak Grove, seven miles west of Monroe. Rev. R. H. James to preach the Introductory Sermon; Dr. J. B. Richardson, alternate.

Motion to adjourn now carries, and a recess of one hour is taken.

1 O'CLOCK P. M.

Moderator calls the body to order, and prayer is now offered for the churches requesting it, Rev. J. A. Bivens leading.

The report on Aged Ministers' Relief is called for, and the following selection read by brother A. C. Davis:

AGED MINISTERS.

"These brethren who are now old and feeble and almost forgotten by this thoughtless generation, were the pioneers of our denomination a few years ago. They performed this hard and discouraging labor, they fought the battles, they laid the foundations for our present denominational prosperity and strength. They were the human instruments in the conversion of many who are now the mature leaders and supporters of our churches. To them many of us owe our hope of heaven, and to them many of our churches owe their existence. We are reaping what they sowed. They faithfully labored, and we have entered into and are enjoying the results of their labors. As a denomination, as churches, as individuals, as pastors, we owe these fathers in Israel a debt of gratitude which we should be only too glad to pay, in part at least, by making them comfortable during the few years they linger with us waiting for the summons."

The subject is discussed by the reader and C. W. Blanchard.

The report is adopted.

A collection is now taken for this fund amounting to $4.15.

The Orphanage now comes up, and the report is read by brother Hight C. Moore and received.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We have several objects that claim our attention, but in consideration of them all, what should claim our attention more than our Orphanage? It should move us to act with a *greater united effort* than any other object set before us. Can we as a band of God's children, working for God, stand and listen to the cry of the orphan for help and the command of God to minister to their needs? Let us arise, unfold our arms and show our faith by our works. We should *rejoice* that we have an Orphanage; and therefore let us support it, that God may bless us in our work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. GODFREY.

On motion to adopt, is discussed by S. F. Conrad, R. H. James, M. C. Austin, C. W. Blanchard and A. C. Davis.

Roll of churches is called and delegates asked to pledge the amount they will try to raise by January, 1897. The following are the pledges:

Antioch	$ 1 00	New Hope	1 00
Beaver Dam	5 00	New Salem	1 00
Bethel	5 00	Oak Grove	1 50
Deep Spring	1 00	Olive Branch	1 00
Ebenezer	2 00	Pleasant Hill	1 00
Hermon	5 00	Sandy Ridge	2 00
Hopewell	1 00	Shiloh	1 00
Macedonia	2 00	Union	1 00
Meadow Branch	5 00	G. W. Simpson	1 00
Monroe	10 00		

Report is now adopted.

A collection is now taken for the Orphanage amounting to $4.40.

Report on Obituaries is now read by brother Hight C. Moore and received.

OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries submit the follow report:

From a review of the various church letters, we find that during the past year 46 of our brethren and sisters have been called to their reward. Mill Creek and Meadow Branch have been especially bereaved, having each lost 10 of their members.

We desire to make mention of the death of Rev. Edmund L. Davis,

and recommend that a picture of him, with a brief biographical sketch by brother John W. Bivens, be inserted in the forthcoming Minutes of this Association.

Finance Committee make the following report:

Your Finance Committee reports having received the following amounts from the churches:

State Missions	$ 55 50
Foreign Missions	36 11
Home Missions	22 41
Colportage	7 85
Baptist Orphanage	22 48
Ministerial Education	3 50
Aged Ministers	1 03
Minute Fund	35 93
Union church for next year: Foreign Missions 2.00, Home Missions 2.00	4 00
Total	$188 82

Respectfully submitted,

O. M. Sanders,
L. M. Riner,
H. C. Moore.

The following report is now received from the Executive Committee:

Your committee reports having authorized the Treasurer to pay to Antioch church thirty dollars to complete their house of worship, and to brother A. B. Caudle eighteen dollars and forty-nine cents for mission work done at Walkersville and one or two other points last year. We were unable to secure the services of any one to do regular mission work this year, but we have a good prospect of securing the services of one or two brethren for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, O. M. Sanders, *Ch'mn.*

Committee on Religious Exercises report that brethren C. W. Blanchard and S. F. Conrad will preach to-morrow.

Treasurer's report is now read and received.

On motion, the work of printing the Minutes of the Association is given to the Thomasville Orphanage.

On motion, the Treasurer is ordered to pay out the money in hand to the objects for which it was sent in.

On motion, the Clerk is allowed the usual fee.

Rev. Hight C. Moore offers the following resolution, which is adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby given to the hospitable people of Olive Branch for their kindness in entertaining the Association; and to the Moderator and Clerk for their faithful services.

The brethren of the Methodist church tender the Association the use of their house of worship on tomorrow, for which the body returns a vote of thanks.

Motion to adjourn is now made, the choir sings "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and the Association adjourns to meet with the Oak Grove church on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1897.

Benediction by Rev. H. C. Moore.

Thus closed, everything considered, one of the most pleasant and profitable sessions of Union Association ever held.

H. E. COPPLE, MODERATOR.

T. W. MANESS, *Clerk.*

SUNDAY, Oct. 11, 11 O'clock A. M.

Rev. C. W. Blanchard preached in the Baptist church to a large and attentive audience from Romans 13: 10.

Rev. S. F. Conrad preached in the Methodist church at the same hour. Text not known to Clerk.

At 1 P. M. S. F. Conrad preached in the Raptist church and C. W. Blanchard in the Methodist church.

At the close of each of these services a collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $4.38.

CLERK.

In Memoriam.

EDMUND LILLIE DAVIS was born in Anson county, N. C., February 19, 1813, and died at his home in Union county, N. C., June 6th, 1896. He was the fifth or sixth of ten brothers, sons of Isham Davis, who came from Virginia to North Carolina in 1790. He had also two sisters.

At eighteen he was gloriously converted, his conviction of sin having been so deep that he never knew where he spent the night before he was brought (as he so often said) "from darkness into the glorious light and liberty of the gospel."

He was baptized into the fellowship of Lawyer Springs Primitive Baptist church on the first Sunday in September, 1830, by Rev. John Culpepper, Jr.

Soon afterward he felt impressed to preach the gospel; but, scarcely knowing the alphabet and being unable to read, he shrank from the work. Deepening convictions of duty, however, led him to enter, in April, 1831, that active ministerial life which covered more than threescore years.

When division occurred among the Primitive Baptists he joined the Missionary Baptists and became a thoroughly aggressive and evangelical worker. He served, as pastor, quite a number of churches, mostly in the counties of Union and Anson. His longest and most successful pastorate was that of the Meadow Branch church, which lasted almost continuously for over 40 years. During that time he baptized about 500 persons into the fellowship of that church. Many other churches were largely built up, and several established through his labors.

He was also an evangelist of great power. In 1856 nearly 400 people were brought into the churches under his ministry. In 1871 he preached a sermon that moved 120 persons to ask for prayer, and 60 of these afterward joining the church, attributed their conviction to that sermon. In the same year he preached a sermon on the Prodigal Son, and there were 11 conversions while he was preaching. Many other such instances might be cited.

In 1870 he was elected Moderator of the Brow Creek (now the Union) Association, which position he held, with two exceptions, for 14 consecutive years. For several years he was a member of the State Mission Board of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, performing faithfully the duties thereof.

He was married four times: first to Miss Mary Newsom, then to Mrs. Susan Gaddy, *nee* Bennett, a sister to Hon. R. T. Bennett; then to Mrs. Martha Grady, *nee* Gaddy; and last to Mrs. Sarah Yarbrough, *nee* Hamilton, with whom he lived 23 years, and who died only two months before he himself was called away. He was the father of 12 children, 9 of whom preceded him to the grave. Among those living is Rev. A. C. Davis, a prominent minister of the Union Association.

Unquestionably he was a great man. His oratory, though rugged, was direct and effectual, once in 1865 evoking a spontaneous shout

from Rev. John Monroe at the Pee Dee Association; and in 1872, calling forth at the Baptist State Convention, the unqualified admiration of Drs. C. T. Bailey, T. H. Pritchard and Jho. A. Broadus.

He was a man of deep, decided convictions and immense force of character. Of unshaken honesty, unwavering integrity and unsullied honor, he commanded universal respect. He was a born leader: brave, determined, aggressive and wise.

While his keen sympathies made him the champion of the poor and down trodden, he was also an ardent hater of wrong, and his scathing invectives, uttered on the spur of the moment, are scarcely paralleled in denunciatory eloquence.

He was a close observer and industrious student of men and things, of nature and the Bible. Above all, he was a devout and humble Christian, liberal to a fault, sincere in his inner life and faithful in the discharge of his ministerial duties.

Having fought a good fight and kept the faith and finished his course, he entered into that rest that remaineth to the people of God. A revered citizen, an upright neighbor, an affectionate husband and parent, a bold patriot, an aggressive leader, a fearless preacher, a faithful pastor, a genuine man, "He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

STATE MISSIONS.	CR.	DR.
Balance at last report		$ 33 82
From churches		48 09
From Finance Committee		55 51
		$137 42
Paid Treasurer B. S. C	33 82	33 82
Balance		103 60

HOME MISSIONS.		
Balance at last report		$ 18 93
From churches		26 29
From Finance Committee		22 41
		67 63
Paid Treasurer B. S. C	45 22	45 22
Balance		22 41

Foreign Missions.

Balance at last report		$ 34 83
From churches		59 08
From Finance Committee		36 11
		130 02
Paid Treasurer B. S. C.	87 04	87 04
Balance		42 98

Associational Missions.

Balance at last report		48 49
Paid to Antioch church	30 00	
Paid Rev. A. B. Caudle	18 49	48 49

Baptist Orphanage.

Balance at last report		19 17
From churches		39 92
From Finance Committee		22 48
		81 57
Paid J. B. Boone	19 17	
Paid Treasurer of Orphanage	39 92	59 09
Balance		22 48

Colportage.

Balance at last report		38
From churches		6 65
From Finance Committee		7 85
Balance		14 88

Ministerial Education.

Balance at last report		8 75
From churches		11 00
From Finance Committee		3 50
		28 25
Paid Treasurer B. S. C.	9 75	
Paid Dr. John Mitchell	10 00	19 75
Balance		3 50

Aged Ministers' Relief.

From Bethel church		1 56
From Finance Committee		1 03
		2 59

Minute Fund.

Balance at last report		30 70
From Finance Committee		35 93
		66 63
Paid T. W. Maness	30 70	30 70
Balance		35 93

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Association'l Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Aged Ministers' Relief.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Colportage.	Poor.	Grand Total.
Antioch	21 50	250 00	.....	2 00	....	2 00	.....	3 19	.....	.....	95	.....	....	$286 45
Beaver Dam	70 00	34 57	.....	3 34	....	.....	5 28	.....	.....	.....	2 30	1 00	....	118 68
Benton's X Roads.	25 00	13 00	.....	50	....	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	50	62	.....	....	42 62
Bethel	50 00	1 50	.....	4 65	....	6 00	2 91	5 00	7 56	.....	1 50	4 00	3 00	86 12
Deep Spring	32 50	.....	.....	.....	....	1 25	1 25	1 25	.....	.....	1 75	.....	....	38 05
Ebenezer	40 00	.....	.....	2 00	....	2 51	2 31	2 25	.....	5 06	.....	2 30	....	56 33
Faulk's	50 00	2 50	.....	1 50	....	2 00	.....	1 60	.....	.....	1 25	1 00	....	6 35
Hermon	60 00	150 00	3 00	10 15	....	7 00	.....	1 00	.....	15 00	50	1 00	....	247 65
Hopewell	75 00	1 36	1 00	2 72	....	6 81	.....	3 00	.....	.....	1 72	1 00	3 43	96 04
Macedonia	50 00	.....	.....	3 50	....	6 00	6 00	5 00	1 03	5 00	1 50	1 00	....	79 03
Meadow Branch	150 00	44 93	.....	6 73	....	11 66	11 75	10 00	.....	20 30	4 62	.....	....	260 02
Mill Creek	35 50	.....	.....	.....	....	5 00	.....	2 00	.....	3 50	1 70	.....	....	47 70
Monroe	600 00	100 00	10 00	25 00	....	20 06	15 00	25 00	.....	25 00	2 00	.....	....	822 06
Mount Harmony	70 00	19 00	.....	.....	....	.....	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	1 20	.....	....	93 20
Mount Pleasant	25 00	82	.....	1 00	....	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	....	29 82
New Hope	.....	.....	.....	1 07	....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 35	.....	....	4 42
New Salem	40 00	1 00	.....	2 00	....	1 50	1 00	35	.....	.....	1 25	.....	....	47 10
Oak Grove	35 00	95 00	.....	2 15	....	3 00	.....	4 00	.....	1 00	1 50	.....	....	141 65
Olive Branch	40 00	3 00	.....	2 30	....	4 00	1 82	2 00	.....	3 35	1 37	.....	....	57 74
Philadelphia	40 00	11 76	.....	.....	....	3 00	.....	2 00	.....	18 05	1 50	.....	....	76 31
Pleasant Plain	55 00	5 00	50	1 00	....	3 00	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	....	72 50
Pleasant Hill	.....	.....	.....	1 00	....	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	75	.....	....	4 75
Sandy Ridge	50 00	4 00	.....	1 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	1 00	....	56 25
Shiloh	50 00	15 50	.....	7 57	....	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	1 35	.....	....	78 42
Union	.....	250 00	.....	1 42	....	2 00	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	256 42
Waxhaw	200 00	580 00	.....	12 59	....	10 00	1 20	5 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 55	....	811 34
Total	6814 55	579 64	14 50	95 19	. .	102 79	51 52	84 55	8 59	96 66	33 92	13 85	6 43	2911 02

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Preaching Sabbath.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.
Antioch	3	.....	1	.....	3	.....	.....	13	24	37
Beaver Dam	3	10	13	.....	7	4	1	71	133	204
Benton's X Roads	2	10	3	1	11	2	.....	33	49	82
Bethel	4	1	3	.....	2	1	1	11	34	53
Deep Spring	2	15	.....	1	6	.....	1	29	52	81
Ebenezer	1	16	1	2	6	1	.....	59	56	95
Faulk's	1	5	4	1	10	1	2	50	100	150
Hermon	3	16	9	.....	.....	.....	2	27	33	60
Hopewell	1	8	1	1	11	1	1	55	85	141
Macedonia	2	.....	3	1	20	2	2	37	65	102
Meadow Branch	2	26	9	.....	4	.....	10	99	156	255
Mill Creek	3	10	5	12	3	7	10	60	86	156
Monroe	Each	2	14	.....	10	3	.....	79	148	227
Mount Harmony	2&4	13	3	2	2	2	.....	39	49	88
Mount Pleasant	4	5	4	.....	6	1	.....	21	43	64
New Hope	1	9	.....	.....	10	2	2	7	30	37
New Salem	1	.....	.....	6	5	2	1	33	46	79
Oak Grove	1	11	3	.....	5	1	.....	50	64	114
Olive Branch	4	5	9	1	7	4	2	44	87	131
Philadelphia	4	5	6	4	10	2	.....	67	118	185
Pleasant Plain	1	4	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	65	108
Pleasant Hill	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	22	49	71
Sandy Ridge	4	9	10	5	10	8	4	53	75	128
Shiloh	2	15	5	4	1	2	3	53	83	136
Union	2	4	5	1	.....	1	1	40	43	83
Waxhaw	2&4	9	2	7	21	4	2	96	124	220
Total		208	118	49	170	51	47	1180	1897	3,077

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.
Antioch	A. Marsh	B. F. Green	Long's Store,....N. C.
Beaver Dam	J. L. Bennett	A. P. Phifer	Marshville,..... "
Benton's X Roads	J. W. Snider	J. K. Trull	Raywood,..... "
Bethel	J. A. Bivens	F. A. Marsh	Marshville,..... "
Deep Spring	A. Marsh	J. H. Mullis	Honey,..... "
Ebenezer	A. Marsh	W. A. Chaney	Baucom..... "
Faulk's	J. L. Bennett	J. F. Moore	Faulk's,..... "
Hermon	J. W. Little	O. M. Sanders	Walkersville, ... "
Hopewell	D. A. Snider	M. L. Biggers	Long's Store,..... "
Macedonia	J. A. Bivens	J. Bouton	Monroe,..... "
Meadow Branch	J. B. Richardson	Bright Griffin	Ames, ... "
Mill Creek	D. A. Snider	J. A. Baucom	Sincerity, ... "
Monroe	Hight C. Moore	E. C. Williams	Monroe,..... "
Mount Harmony	D. A. Snider	J. T. Moser	Mathews,..... "
Mount Pleasant	T. P. Little	B. L. Goodwin	Zoar..... "
New Hope	Oliver Rodgers	M. C. Austin	Negrohead,..... "
New Salem	J. W. Little	J. R. Helms	Monroe,..... "
Oak Grove	J. W. Little	W. K. Rape	Monroe,..... "
Olive Branch	A. Marsh	H. T. Baucom	Olive Branch,.... "
Philadelphia	D. A. Snider	J. J. Cox	Brown Creek, ... "
Pleasant Plain	J. F. Morris	L. D. McLeod	Mathews,..... "
Pleasant Hill	T. P. Little	J. L. Smith	Euto,..... "
Sandy Ridge	J. W. Little	D. C. Montgomery	Monroe,..... "
Shiloh	R. H. James	J. S. Harkey	Stout,..... "
Union	J. W. Little	Fufus Snider	Lane's Creek, ... "
Waxhaw	A. B. Caudle	John H. Godfrey	Waxhaw,..... "

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	Superintendents and their Post Offices.	Number of Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Lesson Helps.	Contributions.	Months Open.
Antioch	J. H. Presson, Long's Store	35	....	35	22	.....	$	.....
Beaver Dam	S. G. Phifer, Marshville	93	8	101	60	90	15 00	12
Benton's X Roads	J. K. Trull, Raywood	46	7	53	35	30	1 00	7
Bethel	F. A. Marsh, Marshville	25	3	28	16	18	3 00	12
Deep Spring	C. A. Phifer, Peachland	33	5	38	.....	12	.....	5
Ebenezer	J. E. Rowell, Cleone	65	7	72	31½	63	8 00	6
Faulk's	J. F. Moore, Faulk's	35	4	39	25	40	3 00	12
Hermon	W. S. Garrison, Walkersville	45	6	51	40	41	14 50	9
Hopewell	D. F. Helms, Coburn's Store	70	6	76	.....	.....	.....	3
Macedonia	N. A. Funderburk, Monroe	58	6	64	35	50	4 90	11
Meadow Branch	N. W. Bivens, Ames	128	10	138	70	90	10 00	12
*Rock Rest	Jas. H. Williams, Rock Rest	81	9	90	70	39	11 00	12
*Cedar Grove	T. W. Maness, Ames	65	7	72	52	67	3 68	6
*Bellfield	R. C. Griffin, Richardson Creek	52	6	58	40	54	3 16	6
Mill Creek	I. A. Clouts, Sincerity	56	6	62	48	.....	4 85	8
Monroe	F. B. Ashcraft, Monroe	125	12	137	95	155	75 00	12
Mt. Harmony	J. E. Sistair, Mathews	40	5	45	40	.....	16 30	12
Mt. Pleasant	Ellis Godwin, Monroe	40	6	46	30	30	2 36	9
New Salem	A. J. Mullis, Monroe	40	6	46	25	.....	.....	.....
Oak Grove	B. J. Griffin, Winchester	50	7	57	35	22	4 00	9
Olive Branch	G. W. Broom, Olive Branch	64	4	68	50	60	6 00	12
Pleasant Plain	W. S. Paxton, Mathews	50	7	57	35	.....	6 00	12
Sandy Ridge	W. R. Bruce, Alton	78	7	85	55	265	13 00	12
Shiloh	F. M. Sutton, Monroe	66	11	77	47	50	13 97	8
Union	B. F. Parker, Lane's Creek	75	5	80	65	50	6 22	12
Waxhaw	J. J. Godfrey, Waxhaw	80	10	90	55	100	12 72	12
Total	.....	1595	170	1765	44	916	237 81	

*Those marked with a star are branches of Meadow Branch.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-third Annual Session

OF THE

Union Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Oak Grove Church,

October 7th, 8th, and 9th, 1897.

Compiled by T. W. MANESS, Clerk.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Union Baptist Association met Thursday Morning, October 7th, 1895, at 11, a. m., with Oak Grove church, in its 43rd Annual Session, R. H. James preaching the introductory sermon from Romans 12:5.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

After intermission of one hour, religious exercises were conducted by T. P. Little. Moderator H. E. Copple then called the body to order. Letters from the different churches were brought forward. Hight C. Moore and Hampton C. Moore were appointed reading clerks. The following messengers were enrolled:

Antioch—B. F. Green, James W. Love, J. N. Hagler.
Beaver Dam—W. A Edwards, R. W. Byrom.
Benton's X Roads—*G. D. Benton, J. L. Benton, W. C. Simpson.
Bethel—V. A. Ashcraft, F. A. Marsh, R. F. Krimminger.
Deep Spring—J. H. Mullis, C. C. Davis, *J. J. Wright.
Ebenezer—J. J. Stegall, F. Griffin, J. W. Price.
Faulks—J. F. Moore, *P. E. Bivens, Frank Green.
Hermon—*T. M. Helms, J. L. Helms, O. M. Sanders.
Hopewell—*J. C. Sikes, H. M. Faulks, *J. W. Benton.
Macedonia—N. A. Funderburk, J. B. Mangum, C. W. Griffin.
Meadow Branch—S. A. Williams, H. C. Moore, R. C. Griffin.
Mill Creek—*B. F. Price, T. F. James, I. A. Clontz.
Monroe—H. E. Copple, R. F. Beasley, F. B Ashcraft.
Mount Harmony—A. M. Newell, B. A. Sisstare, *J. A. Helms.
Mount Pleasant—Ellis Godwin, *Jasper Mattox, M. D. L. Preslar.
New Hope—*A. J. Mullis, *J. L. Williams, J. D. Shephard.
New Salem—*A. C. Penegar, J. N. Hargett, F. P. Presly.
Oak Grove—W. V. Tucker, J. H. Reader, J. M. Keziah.
Olive Branch—H. M. Stegall, J. W. Pritchard, *H. D. Allen.
Philadelphia—J. G. Gulledge, H. C. Smith, *D. Joplin.
Pleasant Hill—C. J. Hinson, L. P. James, J. M. Birmingham.
Pleasant Plain—W. S. Paxton, B. F. Shannon, *S. F. Honeycut.
Sandy Ridge—A. C. Baker.
Shiloh—F. M. Sutton, *N. R. Helms, W. J. Sutton.
Union—Lester S. Parker, *S. F. Snider, J. R. Hair.
Waxhaw—W. J. McGuirt, W. H. Yarborough, T. N. Simms.

On motion the regular rules are suspended and officers elected by acclamation: H. E. Copple, Moderator; T. W. Maness, Clerk; and J. W. Bivens, Treasurer.

* Absentees.

The following Committees are appointed by the Chair:
Church Reception—J. L. Bennett, T. P. Little, R. H. James.
Order of Business—Hight C. Moore, J. F. Moore, O. M. Sanders.
Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons of this church.
Requests and Queries—F. A. Marsh, B. A. Sisstare, Hight C. Moore.
Obituaries—D. A. Snider, A. C. Baker, Jonathan Gordon.
To Prepare Blanks for Sunday Schools to Report to Sunday School Convention—A. B. Caudle, Hight C. Moore.
To Nominate Executive Board—J. B Richardson, A T. Latta, J. E. Rowell.
Finance—O. M. Sanders, H. C. Moore, J. B. Mangum.

The following writers are appointed for next session: Foreign Missions, B. C. Ashcraft; State and Associational Missions, A. C. Davis; Home Missions, J. B. Richardson; Orphanage, J. W. Bivens; Education, Prof. M. B. Dry; Periodicals, Hight C. Moore; Aged Ministers' Relief, J. A. Bivens; Temperance, R. H. James.

Letters from churches seeking admission into this body are called for. Corinth church presents a letter which is referred to Committee on Church Reception.

Committee on Order of Business make the following report:

FRIDAY—9:30, a. m., devotional exercises; 10, reports on Home, Foreign, State and Associational Missions; 11:15, missionary sermon by J. E. White; 12, recess; 1, p. m., Aged Ministers' Relief; 1:45, Temperance; 2:30, Orphanage; adjourn at pleasure. SATURDAY—9:30, a. m., devotional exercises; 10, Periodicals; 11, Education, with the report ot the trustees of The Wingate School; 12, recess; 1, p. m., Colportage and Sunday Schools; 2, Miscellaneous Business; adjournment at pleasure.

Reports are made by messengers to sister associations. J. L. Bennett attended the Pee Dee: A. B. Caudle, the York; R. H. James, the Stanly. Each received a warm welcome.

A. B. Caudle is appointed messenger to Southern Baptist Convention; T. P. Little, alternate. T. L. Caudle, O. M. Sanders and J. L. Bennett are appointed messengers to Baptist State Convention.

The following brethren are appointed messengers to sister associations: Stanly, R. H. James, J. M. Birmingham, J. E. Rowell; Pee Dee, A. B. Caudle, J. L. Bennett R. H. James, T. P. Little; Chesterfield, A. C. Baker, J. H. Reader, O. C. Curlee; York, O. M. Sanders, A. B. Caudle.

On motion, Hight C. Moore is appointed associational member of State Board of Missions.

Committee on Church Reception recommends that Corinth church be received into this association. On motion, it is received and the right hand of welcome extended to messengers by the moderator in behalf of the body.

On motion, Pleasant Plain church is granted a letter of dismission to join the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association.

The following resolutions offered by Hight C. Moore are adopted:

I. Resolved, That the Association heartily approve of the work being done by the Ladies' Missionary Societies in other Associations throughout our State Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention; and that we encourage the sisters in our churches to enlist freely in this work, co-operating with Mrs. D. A. Covington, Monroe, N. C., vice-president of the State Central Committee for this Association.

II. Whereas, The Sunday School Convention failed to hold its regular session last summer; therefore be it resolved, That the Moderator appoint a writer who shall present a report on Sunday Schools which shall be considered in connection with the discussion on Colportage.

A. B. Caudle is appointed to make the report on Sunday Schools.

Motion to adjourn is made, the doxology sung, and the body dismissed by A. C. Baker.

FRIDAY MORNING.

After religious exercises, conducted by J. L. Bennett, the Moderator assumed the chair. Minutes of yesterday corrected and approved. Visiting brethren are invited to seats. J. E. White, Secretary of State Mission Board; J. F. Morris, of the York; and J. B. Nash, of the Chesterfield Associations are recognized and welcomed.

On the call for letters from churches seeking admission into this body, New Home presents a letter. On recommendation, it is received and the right hand of welcome extended to messengers.

B. C. Ashcraft submitted the report on

HOME MISSIONS.

As the parent is to attend to the needs of the home before he dispenses charity abroad, so are we, in the mission work to attend those without the gospel at our own doors and in our own land first. Brethren, our duty is plain. In our Home Mission field, embracing our Southland and the war-scourged island of Cuba, there are thousands among our native born and among those who have come from foreign lands, who are living without the gospel and are dying without a knowledge of the Christ. How much do we believe in Home Missions? We Missionary Baptists in this Association did not believe in Home Missions last year two cents per member and this year our belief is very little, if any, stronger. The field is white unto the harvest. Let us obey our Lord's command and thrust in the syckle.

Respectfully submitted, B. C. ASHCRAFT.

Discussed by the writer and A. B. Caudle, and adopted.

J. L. Bennett presents the report on

STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We now have ninety missionaries in this State. A number of others are doing mission work, employed by associational executive committees, not included in this number. These missionaries are devoting their time and ener-

gies to the spread of the gospel. Let us stand by and support the great cause of God's holy religion, in this department of Christian work, by our prayers and contributions, striving to advance and establish the great cause of missions among us to be extended to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Respectfully submitted, J. L. BENNETT.

On motion, the report is adopted.

D. A. Snider offers the report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The first foreign missionary was John the Baptist; his mission was to prepare the way of the Lord and make his paths straight. The second was our Saviour; his mission was to seek and to save the lost, and he said to his disciples, "as my Father hath sent me even so send I you." Brethren, this great work is committed to His church and the command is to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. In obedience to this command our missionaries are doing a great work in foreign fields. The following will show something of the work in foreign fields: in 1897 the report is 190 missionaries and native assistants, 660 baptisms, 4,324 members and $125,681.99 in contributions. There is also the same increase along all lines of this work. We have working brethren in foreign lands. We thank God for them. With greater zeal, brethren, let us push this work.

Respectfully submitted, D. A. SNIDER.

On motion, letters from Philadelphia and Sandy Ridge churches are received but not read.

On motion, Periodicals is the subject now taken up. J. W. Bivens presents the following:

PERIODICALS

Religious newspapers are blood vessels through which our denominational life pulsates. They indicate the spiritual condition of the entire body. Wherever they carry the great heart-throbs of Christian love and fellowship, our people are more active in Christian work, and are more in sympathy with the objects of our Conventions; dead forces are warmed into life and activity. How much moralizing, uplifting, life-giving powers may be carried into a home through one religious newspaper!

Of the many Baptist periodicals published in our own Southland we earnestly recommend and ask our people to take and read the "Biblical Recorder" and "Charity and Children;" the former the organ of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, the latter published in the interest of the Thomasville Orphanage. Among others worthy of patronage, we recommend the North Carolina Baptist, the Home and Foreign Mission Journals and Kind Words. Respectfully submitted, J. W. BIVENS.

After discussion by J. E. White, J. B. Richardson, the writer, and Hight C. Moore, the report is adopted.

Rev. J. E. White preached at 11, a. m., an interesting sermon on State Missions, Acts 1:8. Afterward, the following pledges were taken:

Churches.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Antioch,	$ 1 00	$	$ 2 00
Beaver Dam,	5 00	5 00	5 00
Benton's X Roads,	1 00	1 00	1 50
Bethel,	5 00	5 00	5 00
Deep Springs,	2 00	2 00	2 00
Ebenezer,			
Faulks,	1 00	1 00	3 00
Hermon,	4 00	6 00	10 00
Hopewell,	2 00	2 00	2 00
Macedonia,	3 00	2 00	4 00
Meadow Branch,	10 00	10 00	15 00
Mill Creek,	2 00	2 00	2 00
Monroe,	20 00	20 00	30 00
Mount Harmony,	2 00	2 00	4 00
Mount Pleasant,	2 00	2 00	3 00
New Hope,			
Oak Grove,	3 00	4 00	5 00
Olive Branch,	2 00	2 00	4 00
Philadelphia,	4 00	2 00	2 00
Pleasant Hill,	1 00	1 00	1 00
Sandy Ridge,	2 00	2 00	2 00
Shiloh,	2 00	1 00	3 00
Union,	5 00 Paid	9 75 Paid	10 00 Paid
Waxhaw,	5 00	5 00	10 00
Totals,	$84 00	$75 75	$125 50

Total for the three objects, $287.25.

A cash collection for State Missions was taken, amounting to $12.45. Adjournment for noon recess.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Prayer by J. J. McLendon. Aged Ministers' Relief is taken up and the report read by B. C. Ashcraft.

By referring to last year's minutes we find that only two churches reported anything for our aged ministers. This is certainly a very poor showing. When a worthy man of God has worn himself out, given his time, talent, energies, all to the work of preaching the gospel, and in his old age finds himself without means of subsistence it certainly shows that we are lacking in Christian gratitude to allow him to come upon the cold charities of the world for the comforts and necessaries of life. God help us to remember with open hands and hearts these aged men of God who have borne the heat and burden of the day. Respectfully, O. M. SANDERS.

Adopted, after discussion by J. J. McLendon.

On motion, each pastor of churches in this Association is asked to take a collection for Aged Ministers Relief during the month of January, 1898.

Temperance is discussed by J. B. Richardson, A. B. Caudle, and T. P. Little. Following is the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

If by Temperance we mean the non-use of strong drink, the duty of the church and its members in regard to it seems to be quite plain. Recognizing the use of drink as the greatest evil of the land, the writer believes that it is the duty of the church to aggressively oppose both its use and traffic with perseverance and determination, but always with reason and discretion.

Respectfully submitted, R. F. BEASLEY.

The Orphanage is discussed by J. E. White in a touching appeal. The writer on this subject failed to report.

Roll is called and messengers asked to pledge for Orphanage work. The following pledges are taken: Antioch, $1 00; Beaver Dam, 3.00; Benton's X Roads, 1.00; Bethel, 1.00; Deep Springs, 1.00; Ebenezer, 2.00; Faulks, 1.00; Hermon, 2.00; Hopewell, 1.00; Macedonia, 2.00; Meadow Branch, 5.00; Mill Creek, 2.00; Monroe, 20.00; Mt. Harmony, 2.00; Mt. Pleasant, 1.00; New Hope,———; New Salem, 1.00; Oak Grove, 3.00; Olive Branch, 3.00; Philadelphia,———; Pleasant Hill, 1.00; Sandy Ridge, 1.00; Shiloh, 2.00; Union, 3.00; Waxhaw, 5.00. Total, $64.00.

On motion, F. B. Ashcraft, Monroe, N. C., is appointed agent to receive and ship boxes of such articles as may be contributed to the Orphanage.

Adjournment with benediction by J. W. Gulledge.

J. E. White preaches at 7, p. m., from 1st Cor. 6:19–20.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Religious exercises conducted by A. B. Caudle. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. J. W. Cobb, representing N. C. Baptist, is recognized and given time to address the body.

Hight C. Moore presented the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

1. ACADEMIC. One of the very best preparatory schools in the State is that which has been founded and is being fostered by this Association. The Wingate School is conveniently located, commodiously equipped, ably manned by pious, talented teachers; and it richly deserves the earnest prayers and liberal patronage of our people.

2. COLLEGIATE. The good work and beneficent influence of Wake Forest College are freely recognized among us. Let more of our young men avail themselves of its privileges, and let the churches give the Board of Education generous support. For young ladies, we heartily commend the Baptist Female University, which is to open in autumn of 1898.

3. THEOLOGICAL. For the special training of young ministers, we commend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louisville, Ky., the largest Baptist Seminary in the world.

4. GENERAL. We re-assert our belief that higher education should be distinctly Christian, and education of which Christ is the center. We further re-assert our profound conviction that State Aid to Higher Education in North Carolina, which compels Christian people to pay taxes against their will to

support institutions in direct and hurtful competition with theirown Colleges.
Adopted. HIGHT C. MOORE.

J. W. Bivens, for the Trustees, offered the

ANNUAL REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

We, your Board of Trustees of the Wingate School, beg leave to report:—

It affords us pleasure to report the first session, '96–'97, in the history of your school a success.

1. The attendance was good; the enrollment of students during the session having reached one hundred and seventy-five.

2. The work done in the school room by the teachers was most efficient and the progress of students most gratifying.

3. The session was not only a success as to numbers and work done, but a financial success also, as the following statement will show:

Tuition paid, $689.14; due, $145.94,		$835.08
Salaries of teachers,		790.00
Balance,		45.08
Incidental fees paid, $29.85; due, $8.90,	$ 38.75	
Incidental expenses,	27.26	
Balance,	11 49	

So much for the work of last Session, which we consider an excellent record, when we remember how unfavorable were the conditions under which the session opened. Our school building not being completed, we began in an old school house. There were few accommodations. Boarding places were scarce, but amply supplied the demand as there was only one boarding student present at the beginning of the session. But there has been improvement all along the line until now we have a well supplied and conveniently arranged school building, and boarding facilities still amply supplying the demand, although forty or fifty boarding students were present before the session closed. In regard to the present status of the school, the attendance during the first quarter and work done has been most satisfactory. The total enrollment to date is one hundred and fifty-seven against one hundred and four to same time last year. About forty of these are boarding students.

The Trustees have every reason to believe that the finances of the institution will be satisfactory for the present session. Self sustaining from the beginning, our best hopes have been realized, and the arrangements for this session promise to provide sufficiently for the running expenses.

As to your property, we are glad to state that the school building has been improved during the past year by the addition of a porch extending across the entire front, the larger part of the ceiling has been completed, and two rooms have been furnished with improved single desks at a cost of $156.91, of which amount $89.35 is still due.

Regarding the plat of land (26 acres) on which we have an option, nothing has been done more than that about fifty dollars have been subscribed towards securing it. We have also secured a charter for the school which we herewith present to the Association. Upon the building we have taken insurance to the amount of $600.

The Principal, Prof. M. B. Dry, than whom we have no higher type of Christian manhood, is ably aided by Miss Polly Crowder, who teaches music and assists in the primary department. The latter is a model of excellence

for our young ladies, and the Trustees consider the school especially fortunate in having secured the services of these teachers.

Therefore, brethren, inasmuch as you have a school of your own which is the equal, if not the superior, of any school in the county, will you not give it your most ardent support, constantly praying that God's Spirit may direct your Board of Trustees, and that His divine blessing may rest upon the work done in this institution in preparing boys and girls for usefulness in life and service in the Master's kingdom!

J. W. BIVENS, Chairman Board of Trustees.

On motion, the charter of The Wingate School is ordered printed in the minutes; also space on the back of minutes is allowed for advertisement of The Wingate School.

The following pledges for Ministerial Education were taken: Benton's X Roads, .50; Bethel, 1.00; Faulks, 1.00; Hermon, 3.00; Hopewell, 1.00; Macedonia, 1.00; Meadow Branch, 3.00; Mill Creek, 1.00; Monroe, 12.50; Mt. Harmony, 1.00; New Salem, .50; Oak Grove, 2.00. Philadelphia,———; Union, 1.00; Waxhaw, 2.00; New Home, .25; Corinth, 2.25.

This subject is discussed by Hight C. Moore, J. E. White, A. C. Baker, R. H. James, and A. T. Latta.

On motion, one person from each church is asked to raise whatever amount he can in his church to assist Bro. A. C. Baker, who expects to attend Louisville Theological Seminary this fall.

J. E. White, by request, addresses the body on general education.

The Wingate School being under consideration, remarks were made by J. A. Bivens, A. B. Caudle, J. B. Richardson, M. B. Dry, J. W. Bivens, and others. The churches were asked to pledge whatever amounts they will try to raise by January 1st, 1898, for the Wingate School fund. The following are the pledges: Bethel, 2.50, paid; Faulks, 2.00: Hermon, 10.00; Monroe, 10.00; Meadow Branch, 10.00; Oak Grove, 2.00; Philadelphia, 1.00; Shiloh, 2.00; Union, 2.00; Waxhaw, 2.00; J. E. White, 5.00, paid; J. S. Spittle,——; cash collection, 8.90.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Prayer by A. T. Latta. A. B. Caudle presented the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

At the last session of this Association twenty-six Sunday Schools reported fifteen hundred and ninety-five scholars and one hundred and seventy officers, making a total of seventeen hundred and sixty-five attendats of our Sunday Schools; number of Lesson Helps taken by the Schools 916; contributions for all objects $237.81. Twenty-six churches with 3,077 members have just a little over half of that number in our Sunday Schools. Out of the number attending probably not more than one thousand are members of the church. Where are the other two thousand? What are they doing? There are also a large number of children that ought to attend our Snuday Schools. Brethren, can't we formulate a plan by which we can enlist the other members of our churches and the children in our Schools? Respectfully submitted,

Adopted. A. B. CAUDLE.

The following resolution is passed:

Whereas, The subject of Colportage has been considered at every session of this body for years, and, whereas, this Association has continuously refused to furnish money to carry on this work, be it Resolved, that this subject be dropped from the list of our reports, for the present.

The committee made the following report on

REQUESTS AND QUERIES.

Your committee submit the following report: Monroe, Meadow Branch, New Salem, Sandy Ridge, and Shiloh churches request the Association to hold its next session with them. Antioch, New Hope, New Salem, and Oak Grove request the prayers of this body. New Hope asks for aid, if worthy.

The following is presented by the committee on

OBITUARIES.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following: Upon examination of the various church letters we find that 33 of our brethren and sisters have been called to their reward. Respectfully submitted,

D. A. SNIDER,
A. C. BAKER,
J. F. GORDON,
} Committee.

The chairman submits the

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee employed Rev. A. B. Caudle for one Sabbath in each month as missionary in Sandy Ridge township at a salary of $100 per year. Bro. Caudle reports having labored nine months in this field; preached 25 sermons, made 32 religious talks, traveled 217 miles, made 65 visits, sold 4 books, gave away 30 tracts, collected 53 cents. He did not organize any church, but says the prospect is encouraging and one could be organized soon if the work is continued. Bro. Caudle has been paid $50.00 and the balance due, $25.00, has been ordered paid. We recommend that our missionary be required to make quarterly reports to the State Board.

Adopted. O. M. SANDERS, Chairman.

The Commttee to Nominate Executive Board recommend that the members of the present board be retained. Approved.

The Association decides to hold its next session with Meadow Branch church, commencing on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1898; T. P. Little to preach the introductory sermon, J. S. Snider, alternate.

Announcements for Sunday were made.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, (1) That the Finance Committee turn over the money in hand to the Treasurer.

(2) That the Treasurer be authorized to forward the funds for various objectss to Convention Treasurer.

(3) That the Clerk be instructed to supervise the printing of the minutes and distribute them as early as possible; and that he be allowed the usual amount for his services.

(4) That the Association extend a vote of sincere thanks to the Oak Grove church and neighborhood for their generous hospitality, and to the moderator and clerk for their faithful performance of duty.

Prayer is offered for churches requesting, Hight C. Moore leading. The body receives the following

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Finance Committee report having received the following amounts: For State and Associational Missions, $65.93; Foreign Missions, 39.15; Home Missions, 41.40; Ministerial Education, 12.23; Ministers' Relief, 5.55; Orphage, 27.50; Colportage, 3.70; Wingate School Fund (for land), 3.00; Minute Fund, 32.31. Total, $230.77. This amount has been paid over to Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted, O. M. SANDERS. H. C. MOORE, J. B. MANGUM.

On motion, the Trustees of The Wingate School are authoriged to purchase the 26 acres of land surrounding the school ground, on which they have an option, on such terms and conditions as they may deem wise and best for the good of the school, and the Association, provided no incumbrance is placed upon any of the school property outside of this plot of land; also that the Trustees are hereby authorized to sell lots and make deeds for the same.

The Treasurer's report is received and adopted.

Moved that money in the hands of Treasurer for colportage be turned over to Association for colportage work; also, that surplus money in Treasurer's hands be applied to help pay for the seats in Wingate School, the object for which it was sent up being unknown.

Motion to adjourn is carried. Congregation sings "God be with you 'till we meet again." Benediction by J. E. White.

Thus closed another profitable and harmonious session of the Union Association.

H. E. COPPLE, Moderator.

T. W. MANESS, Clerk.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

A Sunday School Mass Meeting was conducted by M. N. Bivens. "Duty of church members to the Sunday School" was discussed by R. Pope. "Duty of Parents towards Sunday School" was discussed by J. B. Nash. "Should older people attend the Sabbath School" was discussed by T. L. Caudle.

After a recess of fifteen minutes, Rev. A. Marsh preached from Philippians 2:4. At the close of the sermon a collection was taken for State Missions amounting to $2.78.

At 1. p. m., Rev. A. B. Cauble closed services of the day with a sermon from James 2nd chapter and last verse. CLERK.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

STATE MISSIONS.	Cr.	Dr.
Balance at last report		$103 60
From Churches and Sabbath Schools		28 66
From Finance Committee		65 93
		$198 19
Paid Treasurer B. S. C.	$28 60	
Paid A. B. Caudle, Assoc'nal Missionary	50 00	
" " " "	25 00	103 60
Balance		$94 59
HOME MISSIONS.		
Balance at last report		$22 41
From Churches and Sabbath Schools		13 87
From Finance Commitee		41 40
		$77 68
Paid Treasurer B. S. C.	$35 60	35 60
Balance		$42 08
FOREIGN MISSIONS.		
Balance at last report		$42 98
From Churches and Sabbath Schools		19 82
From Finance Committee		39 15
Paid Treasurer B. S. C.	$62 56	$62 56
Balance		$39 39
BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.		
Balance at last report		$22 48
From Churches and Sabbath Schools		55 58
From Finance Committee		27 50
		$105 56
Paid Treasurer of Orphanage	$73 57	73 57
Balance		$31 99
COLPORTAGE.		
Balance at last report		$14 88
From Finance Committee		3 70
In hand		$18 58
MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.		
Balance at last report		$ 3 50
From Finance Committee		12 23
		$15 73
Paid Treasurer B. S. C.	$ 3 50	3 50
Balance		$12 23
AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.		
Balance at last report		$ 2 59
From Churches		11 15
From Finance Committee		5 55
		$19 29
Paid Treasurer B. S. C.	$13 74	13 74
Balance		$5 55
The Wingate School for land, from Finance Committee		3 00
MINUTE FUND.		
Balance at last report		$35 93
From Finance Committee		32 31
		$18 24
Paid Clerk of Association	$10 00	
Paid for Minutes	25 93	35 93
Balance		$32 31

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Orphanage	Colportage	Ministers' Relief	Pastor's Salary	Incidentals	Poor Fund	Repairs	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Totals
Antioch,	$ 1 00	$ 2 00	$	$	$1 32	$	$	$ 25 00	$32 27	$	$	$1 00	$	$ 62 57
Beaver Dam,	4 24	3 00	16 00	2 23	3 39		2 50	150 00			1 00	1 58	20 00	139 25
Benton's X Roads	50	1 00	3 50					30 00				55	4 54	40 04
Bethel,	3 00	3 00	6 00	1 00	5 00		1 25	50 00				1 25	7 00	88 50
Corinth,														
Deep Springs,	2 00	1 35	3 26		1 00			30 00				1 00		38 61
Ebenezer,	2 50	2 00	1 35		1 92	1 20		40 00		13 70	20 00	1 55	7 13	72 60
Faulks,	2 00	1 00	2 00	40	73			45 00				1 50		58 00
Hermon,	10 00	4 00	6 00	3 00	5 00		1 00	75 00	7 00	10 00		50		121 50
Hopewell,	1 03	7 00	3 00	1 00	1 00			70 00	79	21 05		1 75		99 49
Macedonia,	4 00	1 27	3 00		2 66		1 03	45 00		2 70	75	1 42	14 85	76 75
Meadow Branch,	18 89	11 34	11 07		18 66		5 75	150 00		4 85	3 38	3 20	63 74	290 93
Mill Creek,	1 30	3 00	4 00					50 00				1 55	7 40	67 25
Monroe,	35 21	82 55	55 11	10 00	38 00			600 00	164 00	6 67	259 20	3 00	18185	1445 49
Mount Harmony,		3 00	3 00		1 00			70 00			100 00	1 00		88 00
Mount Pleasant,	2 00	3 00	3 00		1 00		50	40 00	1 25			1 10	4 co	55 85
New Hope.	1 00				1 22							50		2 75
New Salem,		1 50	1 50					40 00				1 00		44 00
Oak Grove,	3 00	3 00	4 00		1 75	1 75		40 00			35 00	1 35		53 85
Olive Branch,	4 00	2 00	2 65		3 10		1 55	40 00			85	1 30	9 88	71 18
Philadelphia,	4 00	2 50	2 40		1 10					6 88			2 42	19 30
Pleasant Hill,	2 00	1 00	1 00		1 00				15 00			85		8 20
Sandy Ridge,	70	75			1 04			50 00				25		52 74
Shiloh,	1 50	1 00	1 50		2 35			55 00				1 68	15 00	77 03
Union,		5 00	9 75		6 30	1 00		73 25		10 00	125 00	1 75	18 00	285 05
Waxhaw,	10 00	2 60	2 60		3 10			125 00			12 00	1 05	8 00	164 35
New Home	50	1 00	1 00		50							70		370 00
	115 37	150 87				3 95	13 58	1893 25	220 31	75 85	556 18	32 38	36381	3496 11

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR—H. E. COPPLE, ... Monroe, N. C.

CLERK—T. W MANESS, ... Wingate, "

TREASURER—J. W. BIVENS, ... Wingate, "

EXECUTIVE BOARD—O. M. Sanders, Hight C. Moore, J. W. Bivens, Jonathan Gordon, and J. J. Godfrey.

TRUSTEES OF WINGATE SCHOOL—F. M. Sutton, G. W. Simpson, R. F. Beasley, Jonathan Gordon, O. M. Sanders, D. A. Covington, B. F. Parker, J. C. Sikes, J. J. Godfrey, J. B. Mangum, R. H. James, J. L. Bennett, Thos. E. Williams, J. A. Bivens, and J. W. Bivens.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Bennett, J. L., ... Marshville, N. C.
Baker, A. C., ... Monroe, "
Bivens, J. A., Richardsons Creek, "
Caudle, A. B., ... Wingate, "
Davis, A. C., ... Olive Branch, "
Farrell, B. S., ... Waxhaw, "
James, R. H., ... Reuben, "
Joplin, D., ... Lanes Creek, "
Latta A. T., ... Monroe, N. C.
Little, T. P., ... Olive Branch, "
Little, J. W., ... Wingate, "
Marsh, A., ... Marshville, "
Moore, Hight C., ... Monroe, "
Rogers, O., ... Monroe, "
Snider, D. A., ... Marshville, "

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WINGATE SCHOOL IN UNION CO.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA DO ENACT:

SECTION 1. That F. M. Sutton, G. W. Simpson, B. F. Parker, J. B. Mangum, R. H. James, R. F. Beasley, Jonathan Gordon, J. J. Godfrey, J. L. Bennett, Thos. E Williams, O. M. Sanders, D. A. Covington, J. C. Sikes, J. A. Bivens, and J. W. Bivens, and their successors, be and are hereby declared to be a body politic, and corporate, for the purpose of conducting under the auspices of the Union White Baptist Association, a school of high grade in the village of Wingate, in Union County, for the education of boys and girls, to be known as the Wingate School, and by this name and style shall have perpetual succession, and a common seal, and shall be able in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all the courts of this State; shall take, receive and possess all moneys, goods, chattels and bonds which may be given them, and shall apply the same according to the wish of the donors to the purpose herein declared; and they shall have power, by purchase or otherwise to take, demand, hold, and possess rents. lands, tenements, and hereditaments in special trust and confidence, and apply the same, together with the benefits arising therefrom, for the purpose of supporting the school to be known and styled as "The Wingate School."

SEC. 1. That the full term of office of trustees shall be six years; provided that the first five, mentioned in Section 1, of this act, shall hold office until the annual meeting of the said association in Eighteen hundred and ninety-

eight (1898), second five, until said meeting in Nineteen hundred (1900), and third five until said meeting in Nineteen hundred and two (1902), and their successors for six years from the date of their election; subject however to removal on the part of said association for improper conduct, inefficiency or neglect of duty.

Sec. 3. That all trustees shall be members in good standing of churches belonging to the Union Baptist Association and be elected by said association in regular session, except in case of death, disqualification or removal from office, on the part of a member whose place shall be supplied by the Board of trustess until the next annual meeting of said association.

Sec. 4. That if any one of the trustees shall fail to attend a meeting of the said trustees continuously for a term of two years, the association, at a regular meeting, may declare his seat vacant and proceed to fill the vacancy.

Sec 5. That said trusteess shall give a full and accurate report of the status and financial condition of the said school at each annual session of the said association.

Sec. 6. That said trustees shall have power to appoint a loqal executive committee to perform such duties as may be designated by said trustees.

Sec. 7. That said trustees shall have power to appoint their own President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such teachers and other officers in and over said school, as they shall deem qualified to discharge the duties of the several officers, and may remove the same for misbehavior, or neglect of duty, provided that all teachers shall be members of some regular constituted Baptist church. They shall also have power to make all rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of this State, for the government of said school.

Sec. 8. That the said trustees shall hold an annual meeting at the close of each spring term, and such other meetings from time to time as necessity may require, and five trustees present shall constitute a quorum at all meetings for the transaction of business after five days notice of time, place and object of meeting shall have been given verbally or mailed to all members of said board of trustees.

Sec. 9. That the lands and property belonging to said trustees for the benefit of said school shall be and the same are hereby exempted from all kinds of public taxation.

Sec. 10. That said trustees are hereby empowered to receive donations and to hold property, both real and personal, for educational purposes; but said trustees shall have no power to purchase property and contract debts, or pledge their credit or the credit of the association without the authority and consent of a two-thirds vote of said association in its annual meeting; with the consent, however, of said association so obtained the said trustees may purchase real estate, sell, convey or lease any of their property, pledge their faith or credit,, borrow money for the necessary expenses of said school, or for the purpose of making improvements in their property, or advancing the cause of education within said association, to execute notes for sums borrowed and to secure the same by mortgage or deed of trust.

Sec. 11. That the trustees of said school shall not be indvidually liable for the debts of said school.

Sec. 12. That it shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell, give or dispose of spiritous, malt, or other intoxicating liquors at or within three miles of the said "The Wingate School," and any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 13. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 18th day of February, A. D., 1897.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	Superintendants and Postoffice	No. Scholars	Officers & Teachers	Total	Lesson Helps	Contributions	Months Open
Antioch	C M Furr, Long's Store	25	..	25	...	$ 65	5
Beaver Dam	J C Morgan, Marshville	45	7	52	84	10 41	12
Benton's X Roads	J M Benton, Raywood	33	6	39	....	.....	8
Bethel	F A Marsh, Marshville	25	4	29	30	3 50	12
Ebenezer	J D Helms, Raywood	45	7	52	45	5 60	9
Faulks	Paul E Bivens, Marshville	20	6	26	23	2 73	7
Hermon	W S Garrison, Walkup	40	7	47	50	12 75	12
Hopewell	R Pope, Brief	44	5	49	44	4 00	9
Macedonia	B L Godwin, Rock Rest	50	6	56	45	12 33	8
Meadow Branch	N W Bivens, Wingate	160	11	171	145	24 55	12
*Rock Rest	J H Williams, Rock Rest	97	8	105	48	5 06	12
*Cedar Grove	T W Maness, Wingate	47	5	52	65	3 02	6
*Bellfield	M W Griffin, Richardson Creek	45	6	51	55	1 41	6
Mill Creek	W. E. Williams, Judith	56	7	63	62	3 90	5
Monroe	F B Ashcraft, Monroe	125	11	136	120	91 22	12
Mt. Harmony	J A Helms, Matthews	40	7	47	75	10 00	12
Mt. Pleasant	M D L Preslar, Monroe	60	7	67	253	10 15	11
New Salem	B J Griffin, Monroe	40	4	44	....	2 00	7
Oak Grove	J H Reader, Waxhaw	65	7	72	49	34 00	12
Olive Branch	J W Pritchard, Olive Branch	40	6	46	32	6 00	10
Sandy Ridge	W R Bruce, Altan	62	8	70	250	10 00	12
Shiloh	A B Helms, Monroe	80	10	90	110	4 00	6
Union	B F Parker, Lanes Creek	75	5	80	43	10 40	12
Waxhaw	J T Black, Waxhaw	72	10	82	100	8 83	9
Pleasant Hill	J L Smith, Reuben	30	8	38	27	4 00	12
	*Branches of of Meadow Branch	....	..	1589	1785	275 86	

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Clerks—Name and Address		Preaching Sabbath	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Membership
Antioch,	A Marsh	B F Green, Long's Store,	N. C.	3	14	10	..	3	..	1	57
Beaver Dam,	J B Richardson	A P Phifer, Marshville,	"	3	14	8	..	19	2	1	226
Benton's X Roads	J W Snider	J K Trull, Raywood,	"	2	5	2	2	2	5	1	83
Bethel,	J A Bivens	F A Marsh, Marshville,	"	4	1	6	..	3	..	2	47
Corinth,	J W Snider	F A Richardson,	"	....	1	12	..	....	..	..	13
Deep Springs,	A Marsh	J H Mullis, Honey,	"	2	.	1	3	10	1	..	74
Ebenezer,	A Marsh	W A Chaney, Baucom,	"	1	11	2	..	11	3	2	92
Faulks,	J L Bennett	James Bennett, Faulks,	"	1	..	2	1	3	5	2	133
Hermon,	William Little	O M Sanders, Walkersville,	"	3	4	4	..	1	1	3	65
Hopewell,	D A Snider	W L Biggers, Long's Store,	"	1	13	7	2	17	..	2	143
Macedonia,	J A Bivens	A F Helms, Monroe,	"	3	2	1	..	17	..	1	74
Meadow Branch,	J B Richardson	Bright Griffin, Wingate,	"	2	37	22	..	16	1	4	292
Mill Creek,	D A Snider	J A Baucom, Judith,	"	3	12	6	..	1	6	..	157
Monroe,	Hight C Moore	Randolph Redfearn, Monroe,	"	E'CH	23	13	2	16	2	3	244
Mount Harmony,	D A Snider	J T Moser, Matthews,	"	2 &4	7	6	5	4	7	1	97
Mount Pleasant,	T P Little	M D L Preslar, Monroe,	"	4	24	15	1	3	2	..	99
New Hope	O Rogers	M C Austin, Negrohead,	"	1	2	2	1	5	..	..	37
New Salem,	A C Baker	J. R. Helms, Monroe,	"	3	1	3	2	2	3	..	80
Oak Grove,	W F Little	B F Keziah, Price's Mill,	"	1	7	2	..	7	2	..	114
Olive Branch,	A Marsh	H F Baucom, Olive Branch,	"	4	8	3	1	5	3	..	129
Philadelphia,	D A Snider	J E King, Brown Creek,	"	4	10	8	1	4	3	1	196
Pleasant Plain,	.....	.....		1	4	1	1	...	1	1	112
Pleasant Hill,	.....	J L Smith, Reuben,	"	1	11	..	5	12	12	2	61
Sandy Ridge,	W F Little	D C Montgomery, Monroe,	"	2	3	1	2	5	6	2	121
Shiloh,	R H James	J S Harkey, Indian Trail,	"	2	12	1	2	4	1	..	146
Union,	T P Little	W A Hamilton, Lanes Creek,	"	2	1	5	1	1	1	2	86
Waxhaw,	A B Caudle	J H Godfrey, Waxhaw,	"	2	6	7	1	3	8	2	221
New Home	T P Little	J J Wiiliams, Polkton,	"	1	3	2	1	8	..	..	34
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WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

Foreign Missions,.....J. L. Bennett.
State and Associational Missions,.....A. Marsh.
Home Missions,.....A. B. Caudle.
Orphanage,.....J. S. Snider.
Education,.....R. F. Beasley.
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Aged Ministers' Relief,.....J. W. Bivens.
Temperance,.....A. C. Davis.

Place of Next Meeting, Marshville, N. C.

To Preach Introductory Sermon, Dr. J. B. Richardson, and Rev. A. C. Davis, Alternate.

NOTE—The Clerk is unable to give the list of Ordained Ministers and Licentiates because of failure of churches to report on same.

The Union Baptist Association.

FORTY-FOURTH SESSION.

The Union Baptist Association met in its Forty-fourth Annual Session with the Meadow Branch Church, Thursday, October 6th, 1898, and continued its business sittings till Saturday afternoon, with religious services on the Sunday following. The session was well attended by messengers and ministers from the various churches in the Association, and also by unofficial brethren and sisters from the same. The work of the body was gratifying in the extreme, and this session of our Association must be put on the list of those by which our cause has received much stimulus within the bounds of the organization. While there was not a large number of visitors from a distance, our different denominational causes were all represented and their calls well responded to, and the earnestness and energy of our own members lent great interest and profit to all the different sittings.

First Day's Session.

At eleven o'clock in the morning the Association met and heard the introductory sermon, preached by Rev. T. P. Little from the 8th verse of 20th chapter of Matthew.

After an intermission of one hour short services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Bennett, and Moderator H. E. Copple called the body to order. J. W. Bivens and Prof. M. B Dry were appointed Reading Clerks. The various church letters were brought forward and read, and the following Messengers enrolled:

Antioch—J. H. Presson, J. T. C. Baucom, J. I. Williams.

Beaver Dam—A. Phifer, J. C. Morgan, W. E. Bailey.

Benton's X Roads—C. B. Trull, L. R. Helms, M. S. Helms.

Bethel—J. T. Leonard, F. A. Marsh, W. T. Morgan.

Corinth—R. W. Helms, F. A. Richardson.

Deep Springs—J. D. High, A. C. Phifer, C. C. Davis.
Ebenezer—W. A. Chaney, J. E. Rowell, J. M. Hasty.
Faulks—S. J. Helms, A. M. Newsome, W. M. Haney.
Hermon—J. L. Helms, H. M. Mullis, O. M. Sanders.
Hopewell—R. Pope, R. M. Byrum, B. A. Robertson.
Meadow Branch—T. E. Williams, E. W. Griffin, M. W. Griffin.
Mill Creek—W. M. Sell, E. E. Braswell, Elijah Simpson.
Monroe—H E Copple, B. C. Ashcraft, R. F. Beasley.
Mt. Harmony—A. M. Newell, L. T. Helms, W. A. Fowler.
Mt. Pleasant—G. W. Parker, M. D L. Preslar, Ellis Godwin.
New Home—Robt. Atkinson, H. W. Little.
New Hope—J. G. Shepherd, A. J. Mullis, J. L. Williams.
Oak Grove—W. V Tucker, J. S. Spittle, J. H. Reader.
Olive Branch—J. R. Stewart, A. A. Gaddy, W. L. Parker.
Philadelphia—J. J. Cox, R. Smith, V. T. Chears.
Pleasant Hill—L. F. Austin, W. D. Tucker, F. C. Curlee.
Sandy Ridge—C. A. Montgomery, Daniel Starnes, G. J. Richardson.
Shiloh—Maroin Presley, J. H. Rogers, J. R. Benton.
Union—J. P. Horn, W. L. Thomas, S. F. Snider.
Waxhaw. J. J. Godfrey, Jas. H. Godfrey, Henry Godfrey.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. H E Copple was re-elected Moderator by acclamation; R. F. Beasley was elected Clerk by ballot; J. W. Bivens was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

The Moderator extended an invitation to vistors to come forward and be welcomed by the Association. Prof. F. B. Hobgood, President of Oxford Female Seminary, came forward, was introduced, and spoke in the interest of his school and on education in the denomination.

Dr. E. W. Sikes then came forward and said a few words regarding Wake Forest College, reporting that the recent opening was more encouraging than any former one.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Church Admittance—J. A. Bivens, D. A. Snider, J. B. Richardson.

Order of Business—J. W. Bivens, A. B. Caudle, and A. Marsh.

Order of Services—Pastor and Deacons of Meadow Branch Church

The Association received a letter from the Pee Dee Association asking membership for the Mt. Olive Church in this Association. On motion the church is received in this Association. Its letter is read and its Messengers received by the Moderator. They are: A. E. Rushing, A. Lowery and Hugh Ashcraft.

Letters from Monroe Second Baptist Church and Hamilton's X Roads were received and referred to Commmittee on Church Admittance.

Rev. A. B. Caudle reports that he did not attend the session of the Southern Baptist Convention because the Association did not make arrangements for the expense of the trip. Rev. T. P. Little, alternate, did not attend for the same reason.

Bro. T. L. Caudle reports that he attended the last session of the State Convention.

Rev R. H. James attended the Stanly Association, and reports that the cause there is thriving.

Revs. A. B. Caudle, J. L. Bennett and T. P. Little attended the Pee Dee Association.

Rev. A B. Caudle and Bro. M. B. Dry report having attended the York Association.

The Committee on Church Admittance report that the Second Church of Monroe and Hamilton's X Roads were organized by members of the Association and on Baptist principles. On motion these churches were received into the Association, their letters read and their Messengers enrolled as follows: Hamilton's X Roads—W. F Griffin, M. L. Sinclair and S. E. Hamilton; Second Monroe—D. A. Mauney, M. Watson and Y. R. Parker.

At the request of the Moderator M. B. Dry read Constitution and Rules ef Decorum of the Association.

The Association appoints the following Messengers:

State Convention—H. E. Copple, R. F. Beasley, T. W. Maness and B. C. Ashcraft.

Southern Baptist Convention—J. L. Bennett, and A. B. Caudle, alternate.

To visit sister Associations: Chesterfield—J. H. Reader, J. L. Bennett; Stanly—A C. Davis; Pee Dee—A. B. Caudle, A. C. Davis, J. L. Bennett; York—A. B. Caudle; Mecklenburg and Cabarrus—R. H. James.

On motion of A. C. Davis the Association makes as a standing order that the Clerk apportion among the churches of the Association, to be paid by them, the expenses of the Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, the Association taking the ground that the Messenger sent by it should not be made to bear his own expenses.

On motion the Association decides to meet on the following morning at 9 o'clock and spend one hour in song and devotional services.

J. W. Bivens reads the report of the Entertainment Committee and assigns homes to delegates and visitors.

The Association asks the Committee on Order of Services to arrange for a sermon each day, after which the body receives the benediction and adjourns till the following day.

Friday Morning.

After song and devotional services the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The minutes of the preceeding day were read and adopted.

The Moderator welcomed Brethren S F. Conrad and O. L. Stringfield to seats in the Association.

The Committee on Order of Business makes report on subjects and arrangement for the day's work.

The Moderator announces the following committees:

Requests and Queries—J. H. Reader, J. J. Cox, J R. Stewart.

Obituaries—A. B. Caudle, J. E. Rowell, J. P. Horn.

To Nominate Exective Board—R. H. James, J. B. Richardson, R. Pope.

Finance—Thos. E. Williams, J. C. Morgan, J. B. Mangum.

The Association instructs the Moderator to appoint a committee to nominate men to fill five places on the Board of Trustees of Wingate School, the terms of that number of the Board expiring at this sitting of the Association, as provided for by the charter of the school. Later in the day the Moderator announced this Nominating Committee as follows: A. C. Davis, J. P. Horn, T. P. Little, E. W. Griffin, R. Pope.

Time having arrived for same, the Association hears the

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.

I know of no class of men that is worth more to society than that

of the ministry. They are the watchmen on Zion's wall. Were it not for these men how would fare the churches of our land? As a rule ministers get small salaries and are unable to lay up anything for old age. Let's feed and clothe these old brethren, for in this we feed and clothe the Master. J. A. BIVENS.

Rev. A. C. Davis speaks on the subject and urges larger contributions for the object. Revs. R. H. James and A. B. Caudle spoke, also, the latter stating that the South Carolina contributions for this object are much larger than ours. They follow the system of each member in the denomination contributing on his birthday as many cents as he is then years old, and by this means large contributions are raised. Rev. J. L. Bennett also speaks feelingly, and a cash collection for the object is taken, amounting to $8 47. The report is adopted.

Prof. M. B. Dry, Principal of Wingate School, reads the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We believe that the dissemination of useful learning among our people tends not only to devote them to higher planes of living, but to make them more zealous and efficient workers in the vineyard of the Master. We believe that all higher education should be distinctively Christian. The more we take Christ into our schools the more we will have him in our churches. Education should make us better—without Christ it may make us worse. It should train the youth for Christian service. If it fails in this it fails hopelessly.

Baptists are fortunate in having many good schools of their own for the higher training of young men and young women. Baptist schools above all things need Baptist patronage. Without it they cannot even exist, much less thrive.

Let us pray God's richest benediction upon our schools engaged in the great work of training young men and young women for the duties and responsibilities of life.

Respectfully submitted, M. B. DRY.

Prof. Dry made a most earnest and able speech on the subject of general education.

On motion it is decided not to have the sermon mentioned on the program for the day, but to devote the time to the subject of education.

Dr. E. W. Sikes, as representative of Wake Forest College makes a most eloquent and forcible speech on the subject under consideration, and particularly as to the college, its history, work, and hopes.

Rev. O. L. Stringfield next makes one of his inimitable and stirring speeches on the subject of female education, laying before the Association the objects of the Baptist Female University.

The roll of churches is then called and the follwing sums pledged for ministerial education: Faulks, $1; Hopewell, $1; Meadow Branch, $5: Monroe, $10; Philadelphia, $1; Waxhaw, $2; Hamilton's X Roads, $1, paid; Mt. Olive, $1; Mill Creek, $1. Total, $23.

The report on education as read is adopted, and the body adjourns one hour for dinner.

Friday Afternoon.

At fifteen minutes to two the Association re-assembled, and on motion the report on temperance was called for and read as follows:

TEMPERANCE.

People sometimes talk of temperance and religion; I know of no such distinction in my own case—my temperance is a part of my religion. The temperance movement began in the church, where all great reforms have generally begun, and it should go on till the heart of every member is thoroughly converted, and then instead of the impure atmosphere that sometimes fills our churches and religious gatherings, a pure temperance atmosphere will prevail. We need not expect to get intemperance out of the world until we get it out of the Church of Christ. May the Lord speed the time when his people will not make, sell, give, nor drink intoxicating drinks.

Submitted, R. H. JAMES.

The writer discussed the subject and the report was adopted.

The President of the Board of Trustees offered the

REPORT ON WINGATE SCHOOL.

The Board of Trustees of Wingate School beg leave to make the following report:

1. That the record of another year's work has demonstrated the wisdom of the Association in making provision for this institution, and we pray that as the years go by this evidence of wisdom may be multiplied as the boys and girls of our denomination continue to receive instruction from this school for the great battle of life, and for their places in the aggressive ranks of the great Baptist hosts of North Carolina.

2. During the session of 1897–98 208 students were enrolled, and the faithful services of your excellent Principal and his worthy assistants were shown in the progress and improvement of the students.

3. During the session a Library for the use of the school was established. Some books were purchased and some were donated by friends of the school. A young men's prayermeeting, held every Sunday night, and conducted mostly by students in school, had a wholesome influence upon the student body.

4. The following statement shows the financial condition of the school.

SESSION OF '96–97.	
Unpaid Accounts,	$ 59 70.
Unpaid Expenses,	14 72.
SESSION OF '97 '98.	
Tuition Paid,	746 44.
Tuition Due,	171 23.
Total Tuition '97–98,	$917 67.
Salaries of Teachers and Rent of Piano,	849 82.
Profits if all Accounts are Collected,	67 85.
Incidental Fees Paid	25 61.
Incidental Fees Due,	8 79.
Total,	$ 34 40.
Incidental Expenses,	34 96.

(For particulars see itemized statement of acconnt in hands of Secretary.)

5. Professor M. B. Dry for the present session has the school upon his own responsibilty under the general supervision of the Board of Trustees. He still has the efficient assistance of Miss Polly Crowder, and has procured the services of Rev. J. S. Snider, a recent graduate of Wake Forest College. He at present has in attendance a large number of hopeful boys and girls, and this session bids fair to be the best so far in the history of the school.

6. We have purchased the 26 acres of land, upon which we have had an option, surrounding the school lot, and herewith present a deed for same. It has not, however, been paid for in full. The building has been improved some since our last report, and a movement is now on foot looking towards giving it a coat of paint. We need at least $250 to pay off balance due on seats, to pay for land and to help on painting the building.

7. In conclusion, brethren, we make an earnest appeal to you in behalf of your own work. Sustain us and the school in every way possible. What was at first a doubtful venture has become a permanent and well established institution, doing a grand work for civilization and the spreading of Christ's Kingdom upon earth. Wingate School has at once assumed a leading place among those facotrs that count for the improvement and advancement of our people. We are proud of its success. Our denomination is proud of it and its work. Help it and it will help you Send your boys and girls to attain its instruction. It is of you and for you. Give it such support as its record demands and we promise you greater things through it for the future.

J. W. BIVENS, Chm. Bd.

The writer, J. B. Richardson, and E. W. Sikes make stirring speeches on the report, and on motion it is adopted.

The following is then submitted as the report on

HOME MISSIONS:

When our Saviour taught the disciples the necessity of the Holy Ghost's power in them as a preparation for the great work he had placed

upon them, He also, (Acts, 1:8) pointed out the work, namely: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judah, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." This work is for Christians of all ages. Yes, our duty is to witness for Jesus through out all the world. He who has not this mind fails of the Bible evidences of the Christian's faith. Loyalty to our Lord, and love for the salvation, as well as the betterment, of mankind call us to mission work. Home Missions is our Judah and Samaria—our own Southland with Porto Rico annexed as one of us, and Cuba as our Samaria. The results of the Cuban War have opened up this work as never before. To it we must address ourselves with renewed energy. Much has been and is being done, but far more must be done. Let us to the work in His name.

J. B. RICHARDSON.

The Association next heard the report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The foreign mission field is indeed white unto the harvest. The day for which the pioneers of the foreign mission movement in America prayed is at hand Our fathers, inspired with missionary zeal, prayed for the day to come when the herald of the cross should find the nations of heathendom open to him, when the Christian Missionary could go to his field protected from the hands of violence by the laws of some great federation of men.

The world-wide spirit of progress and development has given the Christian Missionary opportunities never before known. Protected by the greatest and the most powerful governments of earth, with facilities for travel unparallelled in the world's history, with means of communication which annihilates distance and time, the opportunities for the world's evangelization was never more propitious than it is now.

Surrounded by these golden opportunities, the command from Him whom we profess to serve ("Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature,") comes with a force which has gathered momentum as that great command has come rolling down the years which have passed since it was spoken on the hill of ascension so long ago.

What are we doing with these golden opportunities for the world's evangelization? To what extent are we obeying the last command of the redeemer of our souls? We dispute with our anti-missionary brethren and spend about five dollars worth of time per year in disagreeing with them on this subject and yet we give in cash less than ten cents per member for foreign missions. We and our anti-missionary brethren are not so far apart after all. We are from a financial stand point so near together that it is useless to dispute about the matter.

But brethren, we have, I believe, done a great deal of harm just along this monetary line, for we have made the plea for help for foreign missions too much of a dun for money and have not taught the great spirit of missions enough. What we need to do is to get the spirit of missions in men's hearts and funds will be raised without any trouble. Get the spirit which prompted the Saviour of men to leave His glory-circled throne and come to die for this old world which was foreign to

every sentiment and feeling of His great soul, and you will have no trouble in getting money from that man for the cause of foreign missions.

Brethren, we need less dunning for foreign missionary funds and a revival of missionary, brother helping spirit.

Respectfully submitted, B. CLEGG ASHCRAFT.

Dr. J. B. Richardson speaks on the general subject of missions, and the report is adopted.

The body then adjourns till the following day.

Saturday Morning.

Devotional and song service having been concluded and the Moderator not yet being present, Rev. A. B. Caudle was elected temporarily to that office and at once called the body to order.

The preceeding minutes being read and approved, the committee on order of business reported a program for the day's work.

Brothers Cobb, of the North Carolina Baptist, and Archibald Johnson, of Charity and Children, were welcomed to seats.

Micellaneous business was taken up and Rev. A. C. Davis brought up the subject of the Wingate School option on the land adjacent to its grounds, and made an earnest speech urging the Association to at once pay the amount personally secured by certain of the trustees when they obtained the land. J. L. Bennett and J. A. Bivens also make speeches urging the same action.

The roll of churches is called and the following amounts pledged towards the $250 asked by the trustees in their report for paying for land, etc.: Antioch, $3; Bethel, $2 50; Ebenezer, $2; Faulks, $1 50; Hopewell, $5, Macedonia, $2; Mill Creek, $1; Meadow Branch, $10; Mt. Harmony, $1; Mt. Pleasant, $1; Oak Grove, $9; Philadelphia, $2; Shiloh, $4; Union, $8; Waxhaw, $2; Mt. Olive, $5; Monroe, $10. Total, $69.

Then followed a scene which proved that the Wingate School is very close to the hearts of the members of the denomination. The cause was laid before the brethren and sisters in several urgent talks, and the response was noble and generous. When individual contributions were asked for, they were made quickly and freely, as follows:

A. Phifer	$ 50
J. C. Morgan	1 50
S. J. Helms	1 00
Linsay Austin (paid)	50
J. W. Bivens	5 00
J. A. Bivens (paid)	5 00
J. L. Bennett	5 00
T. E. Williams, (paid)	5 00
A. C. Davis	2 00
J. H. Presson	1 00
J. S. Spittle	1 25
Mrs. Bettie Benton	5 00
Mrs. J. F. Gordon (paid)	25
Mrs. J. A. Bivens	1 00
C. H. Austin (paid)	1 00
W. E. Bailey	1 00
A. C. Baker	5 00
Mrs. Tiney Mullis	1 00
Wilson Austin	1 00
Mrs. B. F. Parker	50
M. S. Helms	1 00
Mrs. Patsey Williams	50
Mrs. Joplin (paid)	50
Ranford Smith (paid)	25
Mrs. J. E Lowery	50
Mrs. Marion Griffin	50
B. D. Austin	2 00
Mrs. L. E. Austin	1 00
J. J. Morgan (paid)	1 00
Mrs. Leslie Hamilton	50
Mrs. R. J. Boyte	50
E. A. Hurley	1 00
C. A. Bivens	$1 00
T. L. Caudle	1 00
E. C. Williams	2 00
J. M. King	5 00
J. S. Snider	2 00
Paul Bivens	2 00
Marion Griffin	1 00
W. M. Griffin	2 00
Jno. H. Williams (paid)	1 00
A. Johnson	1 00
T. B. Liles	1 00
J. W. Cobb	2 00
J. H Reader	5 00
S. F. Conrad	1 00
J. J. Cox (paid)	50
J. T. Leonard (paid)	50
Marion Presley (paid)	50
E. W. Sikes	10 00
M. B. Dry	5 00
W. E. L. Williams	1 00
Bright Griffin	1 00
H. P. Meigs	1 00
R. L. Womble (paid)	50
A. B. Caudle	2 50
H. C. Moore (paid)	1 00
Dr. Jerome (paid)	1 00
J. B. Williams (paid)	1 00
Miles Bivens	1 00
G. M. Stewart	8 00
E. L. May	1 00
Total,	$115 25

Total church and individual pledges and contributions, $184 25

The subject of State Missions is now called and Rev. A. C. Davis reads the report.

STATE MISSIONS.

The history of State Missions is virtually the history of the rise and progress of North Carolina Baptists, reaching from the year 1720 to to the present time.

It is a work so clearly in accordance with the divine commandment, with the spirit of Jesus and with the nobler impulses of the Christian heart and life, that it needs no argument to commend it to the sympathies of the Association.

Since the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools was organized our State Missionaries have preached the gospel on over 4,000 destitute fields, and have organized at mission points more than one-third of the whole number of Baptist churches we now have in North Carolina.

And along with this God blessed work of construction and evangelization every department of our denominational life has been stimu-

lated—Education, the Orphanage, Home Missions and Foreign Missions—have felt and continue to feel the effect of State Missions on them in endowments, patronage, support and sympathy and an enlarged beneficence at the hands of our people.

Your committee is glad to report that the Baptists of North Carolina have a larger force of missionaries in the field this year than ever before in our history. One hundred and three regular missionaries are at work preaching the gospel to three hundred and fifty-eight destitute points. The cause is being pressed by these faithful workers in fifty six counties in North Carolina.

The reports from their fields as they have come in indicate encouragement and even enthusiasm. God is blessing the word in their hands. We may depend upon it, His grace will be poured out upon their labors. Ours is the duty of prayer and sympathy. It is the battle of our Christ which they are waging, the batttle of our cause and our priceless principles. We should feel honored of God that we are co-laborers with Him in the great work of bringing North Carolina to own and honor our Master. The burden, if it is reckoned a burden, the responsibility, is on us to support this work and these workers.

We have planned and arranged the work this year on a $15,000 basis. All the year the missionaries have been at work hopefully relying upon our faithfulness in paying the small amounts promised.

As yet only a small proportion of the amount needed has been raised. The day now is on us when each must do something.

We recommend to every pastor that he urge his churches to make an offering for State Missions by December 1st. A. C. DAVIS.

The writer, Rev. S. F. Conrad, of Charlotte, and Rev. J. L. Bennett, speak on the subject

The roll of churches is called and the following plegdes made for missions:

Churches.	Home Missions.	State Misions.	Foreign Missions
Antioch	$ 1 00	$ 2 00	$ ....
Beaver Dam	5 00	5 00	3 00
Benton's X Road	1 00	1 00	3 50
Bethel	5 00	5 00	5 00
Corinth	....	....	....
Deep Springs	2 00	2 00	2 00
Ebenezer	1 00	2 00	2 00
Faulks	1 00	2 00	1 00
Hermon	4 00	10 00	8 00
Hopewell	2 00	5 00	2 00
Hamilton's X Roads	1 00 paid.	1 00 paid	1 00 paid
Macedonia	2 50	2 00	3 00
Meadow Branch	10 00	15 00	15 00
Mill Creek	3 00	3 00	2 00
Monroe	20 00	20 00	30 00
Monroe Second Church	....	....	....
Mt. Pleasant	2 00	2 00	2 00
Mt. Harmony	2 00	2 00	2 00

Churches.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions
Mt. Olive	2 00	3 00	2 00
New Hope			
New Home			
New Salem			
Oak Grove	2 00	2 00	2 00
Olive Branch	2 00	2 00	2 00
Philadelphia	3 00	2 00	2 00
Pleasant Hill	2 00	1 00	1 00
Sandy Ridge	2 00	2 00	2 00
Shiloh	2 00	4 00	3 00
Union	5 00	5 00	5 00
Waxhaw	5 00	10 00	5 00
Total,	$87 50	$110 00	$105 50

The report on State Missions is adopted.

Rev. J. S. Snider reads the report on

PERIODICALS.

The want of an earnest and united effort in advancing the work of Christ is largely due to the long felt need of information, both as to the territory that should be controlled for Christ by Baptists and also their possibilities. These new territories will be brought under the reign of Christ at the hands of the Baptists, not so much by bold aggression as by silent expansion.

This expansive force first begins with information as its cause and then shows itself in action as its result; for one must first know of a thing before he will work for it or even take any interest in it, and then that he may contribute to its most rapid progress he must be guided by knowledge in his endeavors.

That there is a crying need of an expansive power among our people is evident, and the reason that this is so. is because they have not complied with the condition—they have not acquired information.

The medium of this information is the religious press. Baptists of North Carolina should be proud of the papers published in the State under their control. The Biblical Recorder, the organ of our denomination, is to be commended to the people for its editorials, and the North Carolina Baptist and Charity and Children are worthy of a place in every home.

As to the work done in the Home and Foreign Mission fields, information may be had from the Home Mission Journal published at Richmond.

All these periodicals we reccommend to our people as mediums of information of the progress and needs of the several objects of our State and Southern Baptist Convention, and especially would we urge upon our people to supply themselves with papers that tell of the work in their own State, and one that gives information in general and has strong editorials, such as the Chicago Standard.

Respectfully submitted, JOEL SNIDER.

J. W. Cobb speaks in the interest of the North Carolina

Baptist, A. C. Davis for the Biblical Recorder, and A. Johnson for Charity and Children, after which the house adjourns for dinner.

Saturday Afternoon.

J. W. Bivens offers the report on

THE ORPHANAGE.

No work that the Baptists of North Carolina have ever undertaken has been more signally blessed than that of the Orphanage of Thomasville. Much has already been done there, and still the work increases. Many fatherless and motherless children have been given a home with the comforts and enjoyments of life and the educational training necessary to make useful citizens. At the same time the givers have been blessed in the giving. Many hearts, in contributing to the support of this worthy institution, have realized that "it is more blessed to give than to receive;" and thus the greatest of the christian graces is being developed among our people. The Orphanage is now caring for one hundred and seventy children. These all require food and clothing regularly; and sometimes the Orphanage treasury is without funds.

We therefore recommend that all our churches take at least one collection a year for the Orphanage; and that all our Sabbath Schools give the collection of one Sunday in each month to this object.

Respectfully, J. W. BIVENS.

A. Johnson speaks in behalf of the orphans, and a cash collection of $7.98 is taken and the following pledges made:

Antioch	$1 00	Mt. Harmony	5 00
Beaver Dam	5 00	Oak Grove	3 00
Benton's X Road	1 50	Philadelphia	2 00
Bethel	1 50	Sandy Ridge	1 00
Corinth	2 00	Union	5 00
Deep Springs	1 00	New Home	1 00
Ebenezer	2 00	Mt. Olive	5 00
Faulks	2 00	New Hope	2 00
Hermon	2 00	Olive Branch	2 00
Hopewell	2 00	Pleasant Hill	1 00
Macedonia	2 00	Shiloh	3 00
Meadow Branch	10 00	Waxhaw	5 00
Monroe	20 00	Hamilton's X Roads	paid 1 00
Mt. Pleasant	2 00		

The Moderator announces the writers for next session—see first page.

Committee to nominate Executive Board report the names of J. W. Bivens, O. M. Sanders, R. F. Beasley, J. F. Gordon and J. J. Godfrey, and they are elected for the ensuing year.

Committee to nominate Trustees for Wingate School report the following names, and on motion, the report is adopted and the following declared elected: R. H. James, A. B. Caudle, F. M. Sutton, B. F. Parker, J. B. Mangum.

The report on requests and queries is received and adopted as follows:

Your Committee submits the following report: Beaver Dam, Hopewell and Mill Creek Churches request the Association to hold its next meeting with them. Corinth asks aid to help build a house of worship and pay their pastor. Oak Grove, Faulks, Ebenezer, and New Hope request the prayers of this body. J. J. COX,
J. R. STEWART.

A vote is taken by churches and the Association decides to meet next year with the Beaver Dam Church at Marshville. Dr. J. B. Richardson is appointed by the Asssociation to preach the introductory sermon, with Rev. A. C. Davis, alternate.

The Association receives the report of

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Committee report having employed Revs. D. A. Snider and J. L. Bennett, as missionaries in the western part of the county, and at the Monroe Cotton Mills, each for one Sabbath in every month at a salary of $15 per annum each. The following is a report of the work done: religious visits, 90; sermons preached, 55; tracts distributed, 110; churches supplied, 1; old stations supplied, 2: baptized, 2; churches organized, 1; houses of worship building, 1.

Respectfully submitted, O. M. SANDERS, Chm.

The report is adopted

On motion the Association agrees to instruct the Executive Board to apportion among the churches the sum of $150, asking them to raise the amount at once for the Second Church at Monroe.

The committee reports on

OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following; Upon examination of the church letters we find that thirty-three of our brethreu and sisters have been called to their reward.

Respectfully submitted, A. B. CAUDLE, J. P. HORN, J. E ROWELL, } Com.

The next business is the reception of the report on

FINANCE.

We submit the following report: State Missions, $40.66; Foreign Missions, $49.29; Home Missions, $28.88; Education, $7.85; Aged Ministers Relief, $6.10; Orphanage, $30.21; Wingate School, $2.50; Minute

Fund, $41.13. Total, $206 62. This amount has been paid over to the Treasurer.

T. E. WILLIAMS,
J. C. MORGAN,
J. B. MANGUM.

The report is adopted, and the Treasurer reads his report, which is adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

STATE MISSIONS—Balance at last report		$ 94 59
From Churches and Sunday Schools		46 20
From A. B. Caudle on Mission Field		1 53
From Finance Committee		40 66
		182 98
Paid Treasurer Baptist State Convention	$117 02	
Balance		65 96
HOME MISSIONS—Balance at last report		42 08
From Churches and Sunday Schools		35 44
From Finance Committee		28 88
		106 40
Paid Treasurer Baptist State Convention	77 52	
Balance		28 88
FOREIGN MISSIONS—Balance at last report		39 39
From Churches and Sunday Schools		38 47
From Finance Committee		49 29
		127 15
Paid Treasurer Baptist State Convention	77 86	
Balance		49 29
ORPHANAGE—Balance at last report		31 99
From Churches and Sunday Schools		36 35
From Finance Committee		30 21
		98 55
Paid Treasurer of Orphanage	66 37	
Balance		32 18
MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—Bal. at last report		12 23
From Churches		4 10
From Finance Committee		7 85
		24 18
Paid Treasurer Baptist State Convention	16 33	
Balance		7 85
AGED MINISTERS RELIEF—Bal. at last report		5 55
From Churches		1 42
From Finance Committee		6 10
		13 07
Paid Treasurer Baptist State Convention	6 97	
Balance		6 10

COLPORTAGE—Balance at last report		18 56
WINGATE SCHOOL (for land)—Bal. at last report		3 00
From Churches and individuals		13 00
		16 00
WINGATE SCHOOL (for desks)—From Fin. Com		2 50
MINUTE FUND—Balance at last report		32 31
From Finance Committee		44 68
		76 99
Paid Clerk of Association, 1897,	10 00	
Paid Beasley Bros. for Minutes, 1897,	22 31	32 31
Balance		44 68

J. W. BIVENS, Treasurer.

The Treasurer is ordered to pay the amounts to the different objects to which they were contributed.

On motion the Treasurer is instructed to turn over the $18.56, which he has had on hand from last year as fund for colportage, to Wingate School to go towards redemption of land.

Rev. A. C. Davis offers the following resolution, which is adopted:

"The Union Association hereby desires to express its appreciation of the hospitality of Meadow Branch Church and the people of the community, and therefore, be it resolved, that the thanks of the Association are due and hereby tendered for the entertainment received by this body."

On motion of J. W. Bivens a committee is appointed to have the charter of Wingate School amended so that the chairman and secretary, or one or two members, of the Board of Trustees, may have the power to execute legal instruments on the authority of the Board. The Moderator appoints on the Committee, D. A. Covington, R. F. Beasley and J. W. Bivens.

The Clerk is instructed to have the minutes of the Association printed and distributed, and he is allowed $10 for his services.

After announcement of an order of services for the following day, the Association adjourns to time and place of next meeting.

Sunday Services.

After song services on Sunday morning the congregation was led in prayer by J. C. Caddell, after which Rev. A B. Caudle read the report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

At the last session of this Association twenty-two churches reported Sunday Schools (Meadow Branch Church reported three branch schools). These 25 schools reported 1,421 scholars, 168 officers and teachers; total 1,589. This is a loss of 176 from last year's report. Lesson helps taken, 1,785; contributions for all objects, $275.86. Six churches did not report any schools; twelve of the churches report evergreen schools; several of the schools are only kept open three months during the year. In the bounds of the churches of this Assotion there are several thousand that should be in our Sunday Schools. From these reports we must conclude that there are more than two thousand of our church members that do not attend the Sunday School.

We can clearly see from the above statement that there is much to be done before our Sunday Schools are what they should be.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CAUDLE,
J. P. HORN,
J. E. ROWELL,
} Com.

Remarks were made by R. H. James, J. C. Caddell and J. B. Outen, and the report was adopted.

At eleven o'clock A. C Davis preached in the church from Zechariah. 13:1; J. C. Caddell spoke in the school building. At 1:30 D. A. Snider preached from Exodus, 9:27.

A cash collection for State Missions was taken.

Sunday School Statistics.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS & POSTOFFICES.		No. Scholars	Officers & Teac.	Total	Lesson Helps	Contributions	Months Open
Antioch	J. W. Love, Long's Store	N. C.	32	6	38	30	$ 2 65	11
Beaver Dam	J. C. Morgan, Marshville	"	43	7	50	88	14 24	12
Benton's X Roads	J. M. Benton, Raywood	"	40	7	47	23	1 10	..
Bethel	F. A. Marsh, Marshville	"	25	3	28	30	3 00	11
Corinth	J. H. Irby, Monroe	"	50	6	56	24	4 00	6
Ebenezer	J. D. Helms, Raywood	"	50	7	57	30	4 80	12
Faulks	W. F. Bennett, Faulks	"	32	6	38	32	3 00	4
Hermon	W. S. Garrison, Walkup	"	50	6	56	55	14 00	12
Hopewell	R. Pope, Brief	"	90	5	95	50	34 40	9
Macedonia	N. A. Funderburk, Monroe	"	53	6	59	50	2 06	6
Meadow Branch	J. W. Bivens, Wingate	"	157	12	169	125	46 92	12
Mill Creek	W. E. Williams, Monroe	"	40	5	45	...	2 51	3
Monroe	F. B. Ashcraft, Monroe	"	125	10	135	95	67 72	12
Monroe (Second)	D. A. Mauney, Monroe	"	20	3	23	....	8 22	..
Mt. Pleasant	M. D. L. Preslar, Monroe	"	48	6	54	251	10 88	12
Mt. Harmony	J. A. Helms, Matthews	"	48	7	55	60	6 00	12
Mt. Olive	A Redfearn,	"	24	..	24	24	3 69	..
Oak Grove	J. F. Gordon, Monroe	"	43	7	50	....	.....	.
Olive Branch	.....	"	65	5	70	30	6 40	..
Pleasant Hill	T. B. Birmingham, Reuben	"	30	6	36	25	4 00	12
Sandy Ridge	D. C. Montgomery, Monroe	"	72	8	80	35	5 00	12
Shiloh	F. M. Sutton, Monroe	"	87	8	95	53	2 65	6
Union	B. F. Barker, Lanes Creek	"	65	5	70	45	4 40	11
Waxhaw	J. H. Godfrey, Waxhaw	"	68	9	77	100	7 54	12
Hamilton's X Roads	M. L. Sinclair, Marshville	"	75	..	75	....	2 90	..
Rock Rest	Jas. H. Williams, Rock Rest	"	97	8	105	48	.....	12
Total	.....		...	..	1687	1303	$264 44	..

(This table is incomplete because the full reports were not sent in.)

Statistical and Financial Table.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.		Preaching Sabbaths	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Died	Membership	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Orphanage	Minister's Relief	Pastors Salary	Incidentals	Poor Fund	Repairs	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Total
Antioch	A. Marsh	B. F. Green, Long's Store	N.C.	3d	13	3			1		73	$ 1 10	$ 1 00	$ 2 00		$1 25		$ 25 00	$11 45			$1 25		$ 43 05
Beaver Dam	J. B. Richardson	A. P. Phifer, Marshville	"	3d	12	8		13	4	2	208	5 00	5 00	5 00		6 52	$ 42	150 00	10 00	$1 00	$ 5 25	2 05	$16 85	207 06
Benton's X Roads	J. W. Snider	J. K. Trail, Raywood	"	2d	2				7	1	80	50	1 00	3 50		2 80						1 00	5 37	14 17
Bethel	J. A. Bivens	M. A. Marsh, Marshville	"	4h																				
Corinth	J. W. Snider	C. A. Helms, Monroe	"	3d	5	1		4		1	51	5 00	5 00	5 00	$1 00	1 25	1 41	40 00				1 05	9 15	68 85
Deep Springs	A. Marsh	L. B. Phifer, Peachland	"	2d	3	2					21					1 50	50	12 50			30 25	50		45 25
Ebenezer	A. Marsh	W. A. Chaney, Baucom	"	1st	6	3	1	2	4	3	93	2 25	2 70	2 60		2 10	50	30 00		6 10	6 55	1 20		39 39
Faulks	J. A. Bivens	J. F. Moore, Faulks	"	1st	2	2	2	6	5	2	143	3 00	1 21	1 16	1 00	1 38	1 43	36 00	4 54			1 05	2 00	52 17
Hermon	Wm. Little	O. M. Sanders, Walkersville	"	3d	13	2	1	7		1	73	6 00	4 00	10 00	3 00	2 00		70 00	20 00	10 00		75	10 00	135 75
Hopewell	D. A. Snider	W. L. Biggers, Long's Store	"	1st	11	8		4	1		158	60						70•00				2 55		72 95
Hamilton's X Roads	A. Marsh	E. S. Hamilton, Marshvile	"	3d							30								20 00		200 00			220 00
Macedonia	J. A. Bivens	A. F. Helms, Monroe	"	3d	1	9		5			95	2 00	3 00	4 00	1 00	2 00	64	40 00		86		1 35	96	55 81
Meadow Branch	J. B. Richardson	Bright Griffin, Wingate	"	2d	3	10	3	11	4	2	295	16 24	10 00	15 74	3 10	17 33		150 00	58 54			4 60	17 36	292 86
Mill Creek	D. A. Snider	J. A. Bancom, Sincerity	"	3d	3	1	1	5	5	3	137	2 26	2 00	2 00	1 15	2 30					1 70	1 73	6 83	18 27
Monroe	A. M. Croxton	R. Redfearn, Monroe	each		23	1	34	2	4	233	66 49	95 68	115 00	12 50	26 28		600 00	96 40	7 27		4 00	187 00	1210 13
Monroe (Second)		Y. P. Parker, Monroe	"		44			3			41											1 20		1 20
Mt. Harmony	D. A. Snider	J. T. Moser, Matthews	"	2d	25	6	1	2	9		118	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	2 00		60 00				1 00		72 00
Mt. Pleasant	T. P. Little	M. D. L. Preslar, Monroe	"	1st	10	5		11	1		101	2 00	2 00	3 00		1 00		40 00				1 30	2 00	52 30
Mt. Olive	J. S. Snider	J. T. Collins, White Store	"	1st	11	4		5			88	2 22	2 00	2 00		2 00		100 00	27 60			1 40		138 22
New Hope	C. J. Black	M. C. Austin, Negrohead	"	2d	4	6			1	1	45											55		55
New Home	R. H. James	J. J. Williams, Polkton	"	1st	1	1		5	1		34	50	50	50		1 50		15 00			6 75	85		25 60
New Salem			"																					
Olive Branch	A. Marsh	H. T. Baucom, Olive Branch	"	4h	6			7	2		126	2 00	2 00	4 00		1 65		40 00				95	4 90	55 25
Oak Grove	W. F. Little	C. B. Gordon, Monroe	"					2	3	2	102	3 00	4 00	5 00	2 00	3 00		40 00					22 00	79 00
Philadelphia	J. L. Bennett	J. E. King, Brown Creek	"	4h	12	1	1	15	1	7	188	6 45	4 00	2 00	85	2 41	62	49 65		4 29		1 85	3 03	68 70
Pleasant Hill	E. M. Brooks	L. P. James, Reuben	"	1st	1	2	2	3	5	2	74	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 00	25 00				1 00		30 00
Sandy Ridge	W. F. Little	D. C. Montgomery, Monroe	"	1st				8	4		106	50	85	44		1 05		50 00				35		52 19
Shiloh	R. H. James	J. S. Harkey, Stout	"	2d		3		2	4	1	138	2 00	1 00	3 00		3 00		55 00				1 75		65 75
Union	T. P. Little	W. A. Hamilton, Lanes Creek	"	2d	9	4		5	3		89	4 00	5 75	4 00	3 00	6 00	1 00	60 00	14 00	1 00		1 75	11 60	102 10
Waxhaw	A. B. Caudle	J. H. Godfrey, Waxhaw	"	2d	2	5	1	11	1		217	10 00	5 00	5 00		5 00		62 50			34 92	2 00	2 36	125 92
Total					157	154	17	171	72	32	3130	148 11	162 69	199 94	29 60	97 32	7 52	1850 65	262 53	30 52	285 42	40 03	304 41	3384 25

Fifty-Fifth Annual Session

The Union Baptist Association,

Held at Marshville, N. C., October 5-8, 1899.

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J. W. Bivens, ... Wingate, N. C.

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R. F. Beasley, ... Monroe, N. C.

TREASURER:

F. B. Ashcraft, ... Monroe, N. C.

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Jas. H. Williams, H. B. Marsh.

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B. F. Parker,	J. B. Mangum,	R. F. Beasley,
J. F. Gordon,	J. J. Godfrey,	J. L Bennett,
Thos. E. Williams,	O. M. Sanders,	E. C. Williams,
J. C. Sikes,	J. A. Bivens,	J. W. Bivens.

WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION:

Foreign Missions, ... B. C. Ashcraft.
State and Associational Missions, ... A. B. Caudle.
Home Missons, ... M. B. Dry.
Orphanage, ... Ira B. Mullis.
Education, ... A. F. Sams.
Periodicals, ... A. C. Davis.
Aged Ministers Relief, ... H. G. Hotchkiss.
Temperance, ... O. M. Sanders.
Woman's Work, ... H. E. Copple.
Sunday Schools, ... F. B Ashcraft.

Place of next meeting, Monroe, N. C.

To preach Introductory Sermon, Rev. D. A. Snider, and Rev. A. B. Caudle, alternate.

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY.

The Forty-Fifth Annual Session of the Union Baptist Association met with the church at Marshville, Thursday, October 5th, 1899, continuing its business sittings till Saturday afternoon, with devotional exercises on Sunday. Rev. A. C. Davis preached the introductory sermon at eleven o'clock Thursday. His subject was the "spirit of missions," and the sermon was a most earnest appeal for the cause of missions.

At 1:30 the Clerk of the Association called the body to order, and after prayer by Rev R. H. James, J. W. Bivens was called to the chair as temporary moderator. Dr. A. M. Croxton and Bro. H. C. Moore were appointed reading clerks. The letters from the various churches were read and the following delegates enrolled:

Antioch—J. N. Hagler, J. H. Presson, Jas. W. Love.

Benton's X Roads—W. C. Simpson, J. L Benton*, L. C. Stegall*.

Bethel—S. D. Moore, W. D. Morgan, Isaac Nash.

Corinth—C. A. Helms, J. B. Price*.

Deep Springs—J. J. Wright, C. C. Davis, L. B. Phifer.

Ebeneezer—J. D. Helms, A. M. Price, J. M. Hill*.

Faulks—A. M. Newsome, W. M. Haney, D. A. Snider, J. L. Bennett.

Hermon—J. W. Little, Thos Sims*, H. M. Mullis.

Hopewell—J. C. Sikes, W. L. Biggers, J. V. Griffin.

Hamilton's X Roads—T. P. Little, J. W Austin, W. E. Hill.

Macedonia—J. B. Mangum, D. A. Outen, H. Griffin.

Marshville—T. B. Hamilton, J. C. Morgan, W. H. Griffin.

Meadow Branch—H. C. Moore, M. W. Griffin, Jas. H. Williams.

Mill Creek—I. A. Clontz, J. G. Tomberlin, N. W. Braswell.

Monroe, 2nd—D. A. Mauney, Joseph Haney*.

Monroe, 1st—R. F. Beasley, W. A. Benton, T. C. Collins

Mt. Harmony—J. T. Moser, B. A. Sistare, P. A Fisher.

Mt. Pleasant—Ellis Godwin, C. B. Funderburk, M. D. L. Preslar.

Mt. Olive—J B. Burch*, J. T. Collins*, C. H. Rivers*.

New Home—Robt. Atkinson, Z. T. Traywick*, Wm. McManus*.

New Hope—A J. Mullis, D. A Tarlton, W. A. Tarlton.

New Salem- A. C. Penegar, A L. Presley*, Z V Secrest*.

Olive Branch—L. Sinclair, E F. Baucom, H. D. Allen.

Oak Grove—W. T. Tucker*, J. M Keziah*, J. F. Gordon.

Philadelphia—M. L. Baker*, S. Smith, J. J. Cox.

Pleasant Hill—J. C. Austin, J. E. Simpson, J. T. Dry.

Sandy Ridge—H. G. Hotchkiss, J. A. Melton.

Shiloh—F. M. Sutton*, Marion Presley, J. R. Benton.

Union—W. L. Thomas. J. A. Carelock*, G. O. Tucker.

Waxhaw—Jas. H. Godfrey, T. B. Newell, Jno. H. Godfrey.

Waxhaw, King St.—T L. Doster, W. J. McGuirt*, A. J. Blythe*.

* Absent. Some of these brethren were present later.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to cast the vote of the Association for Bro. J. W. Bivens as permanent Moderator. The rules of the Association were suspended and R. F. Beasley was re-elected Clerk and F. B. Ashcraft was elected Treasurer, both by acclamation.

The following visiting brethren were recognized by the Moderator: Rev. John W. Davis, a member of the Thomasville Baptist church of Georgia—and on Friday—Dr. E. W. Sikes of Wake Forest College, Rev. S. F. Conrad and Miss Fannie E. Heck of Raleigh.

A letter was presented by delegates from the King Street Church of Waxhaw, asking for admission. After a satisfactory statement by Dr. A. M Croxton as to the organization of this church, it was admitted and the delegates enrolled.

Rev. A. C. Davis, Rev. A. B. Caudle and Dr. A. M. Croxton were appointed a committee on program, and at once announced that the first subject of discussion should be Aged Ministers' Relief The report was read by J. W. Bivens.

AGED MINISTERS RELIEF.

Seeing the needs of some provision to aid faithful ministers of our denomination, who from age or infirmity were no longer able to "preach the gospel" and therefore "live of the gospel," the Convention, about the year 1890, organized the Aged Minister's Relief Board

and made it the duty of this board to hunt up this class of the Lord's poor and ask the churches throughout the State to contribute to their relief.

Since its organization many worthy ministers and their wives, or indigent widows, have been helped in this way. There are fourteen families now receiving aid through this board. Only four of these were received when the board was first organized. Many, who have been received, have gone to their reward. Very few remain long upon the board. The board is very careful about receiving any who are unworthy. Some applictions are refused on that ground, and some are dismissed after having been received.

The amount contributed to this object last year was $918.09; and since last Convention $511.39 as reported in last Recorder. The board has a permanent interest bearing fund of a little over $2,000, of which only the interest is used. One-third of all amounts contributed go to this fund and is invested in unincumbered real estate securities. The other two-thirds, with interest on amount invested is given to the beneficiaries of the board. The secretary of the board, Rev. J. F. McGuffie, Rock Spring, N. C., says the work is very hopeful and encouraging. It certainly commends itself to every lover of the Lord Jesus, who shall finally say unto them on the right hand, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." "Ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will, ye may do them good."

Will not every church take at least one collection for this object during the ensuing associational year? And if there are any needy of this class in our midst, see that they are not neglected.

Respectfully. J. W. BIVENS.

The discussion of the subject was opened by the writer, and participated in by A. C. Davis, R. H. James, A. B. Caudle, J. L. Bennett, J. W. Little, A. M. Croxton, Jno. W. Davis, J. A. Bivens, and H. G. Hotchkiss, all urging more interest and larger giving. Bro. Hotchkiss made the point that our ministers do not preach against covetousness enough, nor urge giving sufficiently upon the laity. The report was adopted. A cash collection was taken for the object, amounting to $4 93.

It would not be a disgrace for a worn out preacher to die in the poor house, but it would be a great disgrace to the people for whom he had preached and labored—R. H. James.

The Moderator announced as a committee on services the pastor and deacons of the Marshville church, and the body adjourned.

FRIDAY.

Devotional exercises were conducted at 9:30 by Rev. R.

H. James, and at ten o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator. The following brief but pointed report was offered on temperance:

And every man that striveth for the master is temperate in all things.—I Cor. 9: 25. A. C. DAVIS.

The discussion was entered into by the writer, R. H. James, H. G. Hotchkiss, A. B. Caudle, Jno. W. Davis, J. L. Bennett, J W. Little; the report was adopted.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator: Request and Queries—A. B. Caudle, M. D. L. Preslar; Obituaries—J. L. Bennett, H. G. Hotchkiss, T. P. Little; Finance—H. C. Moore, J. B. Mangum, W. L. Biggers; To Nominate Executive Board—I. A. Clontz, J. C. Morgan, S. Smith.

The Moderator appointed Dr. A. M. Croxton to offer a report on Woman's Work sometime during the session.

The next subject was then taken up as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

The field of the Home Mission Board covers the entire South, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Cuba. The object of its work is to bring to Christ our native population, the Indians of the West, the negroes of the South, the foreigners who are crowding both city and country, and the priest ridden inhabitants of Cuba.

It has in its employ 653 Missionaries who preach at 5,580 churches and stations. They have baptised for the last conventional year 6,552, received by letter 6,431, a total addition of 12,983. They have organized 194 churches, built 92 houses of worship and organized 512 Sunday Schools, with 14,768 pupils. The work has been enlarged and the missionaries increased over last year. The results far exceed that of any previous year

The work is divided into several departments, viz: Our mountain regions in Georgia, North Carolina, East Tennessee, eastern Kentucky and south-west Virginia. In destitute centres where the needs are too great to be met by State organizations the Home Board gives its co-operation and support.

To the Indians we have special obligations. The work among these people has met with gratifying success.

The negroes are among us and need our help. We should see to it that they have a pure gospel. The co-operation work which our board is trying to do for these people promises to develop a more efficient ministry among them and bring about more fraternal relations with our people.

Cuba freed from Spanish rule is still bound by priestcraft, ignorance and sin. Our work previously on this island was blessed of the Lord. Under new and more favorable conditions the field seems ripe for the harvest. Great revivals are reported at Santiago, Santa Clara

and other places. People crowd the places of worship anxious to hear the gospel. Many baptisms are reported. Bro. W. D. Powell reports that one hundred were baptised at Santa Clara in a single day. Cuba no doubt is the ripest mission field we have today. The conditions demand great enlargement in our forces at once. Cuba is the key to all the Spanish speaking people of this continent.

Take a view of our Southland, its resources, the great changes through which she is now passing, the activity and prosperity at all our south Atlantic and Gulf ports, the activity and aggressive spirit that is being displayed all over the South in the manufacture of our native products, cotton mills for the manufacture of our cotton springing up everywhere, our resources in iron giving us a controlling power over the iron industry of the world, our mountains abounding in iron and cold and other minerals. The New York News, after describing a part of this region embracing about one hundred thousand square miles, says: "This small area possesses greater natural resources than any tract of a million of square miles to be found anywhere on the globe." With these facts before us we are bound to see that our own Southland is destined in the near future to become the greatest country in the world.

The situation facing the Baptists under these conditions deserves our immediate attention. In the South the Baptists practically hold a controlling influence. Will they rise to the new situation and measure up to the responsibility? If so, they can continue to grow with the South and thus hold through the years to come the predominating influence in numbers, in wealth and in all that makes for their distinctive principles in this Southlaud, which is destined in the next quarter of a century to more than double in population, to more than quadruple in wealth, and in time to become the most prosperous and wealth producing country on earth.

Who can tell what Baptist influence under these circumstances would accomplish in the spread of the gospel of Christ, and in the extension of civil and religious liberty throughout the whole world? How to meet the situation demands our earnest and prayerful consideration. The responsibility confronts us. Shall we sit still?

To meet the opportunity, home mission work must be pressed as never before. The rising generation under Baptist influence must be given every possible facility for educational improvement and for all that tends to broaden their horizon in connection with human activities and national life. A dollar given now will do more than fifty dollars ten years hence.

May God help us to face the situation squarely and bravely meet these pressing opportunities.

Respectfully submitted, A. B. CAUDLE.

The writer discussed the subject after the report had been received, and his remarks were followed by talks from E. W. Sikes, A. C. Davis, J. W. Cobb and J. L. Bennett. The pleadings in behalf of missions in general were very urgent, very stirring and very earnest. The brethren came out clear

and strong on the great duty now resting upon Baptists to increase their donations for all objects. The duty of giving was strongly emphasized.

If there is a preacher here who has ever preached a sermon on giving without feeling a cold chill coming from the audience, I would like for him to stand up.—A. M. Croxton.

When a certain young man was about to go down into the water for baptism, a friend offered to keep his pocket book till he should come out. "No," said the young man, "my pocket book is going to be baptised with me."—J. W. Cobb.

Too many Baptists are quarantined against the spirit of missions—A. B. Caudle.

After the pledges for the coming year had been taken for Home Missions, the Association adjourned for dinner, after which the body reassembled and resumed business.

A motion is made and carried that Woman's Work and Sunday Schools be made permanent subjects for discussion, and that the Moderator appoint a writer on Sunday Schools to report during the session. Dr. E W. Sikes was appointed.

Prof. A. F. Sams then read the report on

PERIODICALS.

Our periodicals have been greatly blessed of God in the spreading of His gospel. In this respect a still greater work remains to be done. A want of information accounts in no small degree for the prevalent want of interest in our church work generally. To know something of the magnitude of the work in which our Baptist people are engaged is a source of inspiration; to realize how wonderfully God is blessing the efforts put forth is a cause for gratitude in every christian heart.

Whatever throws light upon the object of christian endeavor makes missionaries, and that which makes missionaries glorifies God by making more and better christians. Through the religious press is offered a wonderful opportunity for uniting our people more closely and of developing a wholesome opinion concerning questions of vital importance.

We therefore recommend The Biblical Recorder, the organ of our State Baptist convention, as preeminently worthy of the support of all our people. We would further recommend The North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, Home Mission Journal, and the Home Field, as also worthy of a place in every home.

Respectfully submitted, A. F. SAMS.

J. W. Cobb, A. C. Davis and E. W. Sikes made talks on the subject, and the report was adopted.

Foreign Missions is announced as the next subject, and the following paper presented:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The great author of missions who taught by example as well as precept said, "Go ye into all the world, preach to every body," also, "ye are my witnesses to testify in the uttermost parts of the earth." And our worthy ancestors being convinced of the importance of organizations appointed mission boards, State, Home and Foreign. These boards are acting as wisely and judiciously as possible. God has heard their prayers and blessed their efforts. We have now 82 Foreign Missionaries and 100 churches, with 5,347 members in the foreign land, and many native preachers and workers. They are contributing liberally and working valiantly to spread the glorious gospel. They have met with great opposition since 1846, when Yates went from North Carolina as a pioneer, but now doors are open and many glorious opportunities to carry out successfully the imperative command to evangelize the world. Let us give of our means and pray effectually, "Thy kingdom come and thy will be done." Let us avail ourselves of present opportunities and lift high and unfurl wide the glorious blood-stained banner, obey our great captain's command, march to victory and share his praise and great blessings in time and eternity.

Respectfully submitted, J. L. BENNETT.

Rev. J. L. Bennett, E. W. Sikes, and Rev. J. W. Little speak on the subject, after which the pledges for the following year are taken.

The spirit of missions should connect our hearts with the uttermost parts of the e rth; the world is the field, and the man who believes in home missions, but not in foreign missions, is like the farmer who has a brag patch near the house and lets the remainder of his farm grow up in weeds.—J. L. Bennett.

There is not a land so dark, an island so distant, a people so ignorant, that our foreign board will not send them a missionary.—E. W. Sikes.

The following reports were offered und adopted:

REQUEST AND QUERIES.

Your committee submit the following report: Shiloh, Hopewell, Mt. Harmony and 1st Church Monroe request the Association to hold its next session with them. Corinth requests help to finish their building. The 2nd Church Monroe requests help to pay a debt of $96.00. Olive Branch, Corinth, New Salem, Oak Grove and Hamilton's X Roads request the prayers of this Association.

Respectfully Submitted, A. B. CAUDLE,
M. D. L. PRESLAR,
A. C. PENEGAR,

OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, find that 44 of our members in the providence of God have been called to their reward. We trust that our loss is their gain. Let us bow submissively to God's providence. Respectfully submitted,

J. L. BENNETT,
H. G. HOTCHKISS,
THOMAS P. LITTLE.

The Association decides to hold its next session with the first church of Monroe. Rev. D. A Snider is appointed to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. A. B Caudle, alternate. The Association then adjourned, after appointing Rev. S F. Conrad to preach Friday night.

SATURDAY.

After the Association was called to order, the Moderator welcomed the following brethren: Rev. Jno. E. White, Brothers J. C. Caddell and Archibald Johnson. The first matter of business was the following report:

EDUCATION.

Baptist people are an independent people, and freedom of thought, expression, and action are the breath of their nostrils—but there can be no true freedom not based on intelligence, therefore, Baptists, every one of them, should be intelligent.

We should have an educated ministry, certainly; but an educated laity is equally important. We should have educated leaders, certainly; but educated followers are no less needful. We should have educated men, but without educated women we shall make little progress.

As a denomination we should support our denominational schools, which are not second to any in the land, from Academy to University. As individuals we should use every endeavor, in the fear of God, to do the utmost for the education of our children. There is but one goal in education worthy the great Baptist hosts, and that is a sufficient education for every man, woman and child in the denomination. How this shall be attained is not fully clear, but it is partially so; when the burden and responsibility that rests upon our people is fully realized by them it will lead them to patronize in earnest the schools within their reach, from the little public school on the hill side to the great uiniversity. Parents who are not doing all in their power towards educating their children should seriously enquire if they are living up to the demands of christian duty. It is the duty of our preachers and leaders at all tlmes to press this great subject, and the responsibility resting upon the educated among us is too great to call for less than continued, faithful, and persistent effort to discharge this obligation.

R. F. BEASLEY.

The discussion of the subject was participated in by the writer, and J. C. Caddell, E. W. Sikes, A C. Davis, and A. M. Croxton, all earnestly urging greater efforts upon the people. Dr. Sikes represented Wake Forest College and Bro. Caddel spoke in behalf of ministerial education. The following pledges were taken for ministerial education: Faulks, $1; Hermon, $4; Hopewell, $1; Macedonia, $1; Marshville, $5; Meadow Branch, $5; Mill Creek, $1; Monroe, $10; Monroe, 2nd church, $1; Mt. Harmony, $1; Mt. Olive, $1; Waxhaw, $2.

The following report was read and adopted without discussion, owing to the fact that it had no place on the program:

WOMAN'S WORK.

I suppose the subject should be limited to woman's work for Christ or in the spread of the gospel. What may women do? Anything that man may do unless prohibited by the Bible. We read in Acts 2: 17, quoted from Joel, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, etc." And the Book tells us this prophesy was fulfilled. We are told again that a company or society of women followed Christ and ministered unto Him and His disciples of their substance. And again that there was an aid society, presided over by Dorcas, who did much to relieve the wants of the poor. And, once more, we read of the woman, who made the contribution and performed the loving service that elicited from the Master's lips the encomium, "she hath done what she could." Where ever the gospel has gone woman has been blessed and has always been found faithful.

We congratulate the sisters on the splendid progress they are making. Thousands of letters, cards, leaflets, etc., have been sent out and the magnicent sum of $6,929.25 was given to missions by the women of North Carolina during the last conventional year.

They are doing a much needed and greatly appreciated work in sending mission boxes to the poorly paid, sacrificing frontier missionaries.

Every since Paul wrote to the pastor at Philippi, urging him to help those women that "labored" wiih him "in the gospel," faithful and consecrated women have been found among the most loyal and loving supporters of many a hard worked pastor and missionary. We would most cordially, therefore, recommend that our pastors encourage and aid, as they no doubt will be forward to do, the women in every proper effort for the dissemination of the gospel and the establishment of the Master's kingdom. Respectfully,

A. M. CROXTON.

Rev. A. Marsh then read the report on

ASSOCIATIONAL AND STATE MISSIONS.

We are taught to have the mind of Christ Jesus, whose mind was to do good, not only when opportunity presented itself, but he went about

doing good and said, "As the father hath sent me, even so have I sent you."

So we see He came to earth on a mission which was to seek and save the lost, and His gospel being the power of God unto salvation unto all that believe, is to be carried by them that love Him to the unsaved. While God has called some of his loved ones to this work He has called us all to their support; therefore, we should give them our sympathies, prayers, and of our means.

Associational Missions means to us the doing of this work in our own bounds. While work along this line has been done at the sacrifice of a few of our brethren, it is time all should become burden bearers together. As we carry forward this work we become enlarged, our desires become stronger for good. Then as we are to be witnesses also in Judea, which we have denominated State Missions, we have made it the object of this mission to give the gospel to the destitute sections of our own State and weak churches that are not able to sustain themselves.

It will be a surprise to some to learn that in our State there are one million people out of Christ. That there are hundreds of communities without church or preacher; that there are two hundred thousand children in the State who have never attended a Sunday school. In order to supply this destitution we are this year undertaking to raise from the churches $20,000 for State Missions.

Our board has one hundred missionaries regularly at work in the destitute fields. One general missionary in western North Carolina and our Volunteer Mission Corps of one hundred and twenty devoted pastors. The field has been enlarged. We now have ten more counties in our State Mission field since the last session of our Association. Our board has increased appropriations five thousand dollars. If our Association wishes to do its duty—its part toward bearing this providential enlargement—we must increase our contributions not less than 33 per cent. We recommend to every church represented here that each increases its pledge 33⅓ per cent. next year. A. MARSH.

The subject was presented very forcibly by Rev. J. E. White. A cash collection was taken, amounting to $9 48. The pledges for the coming year were taken. With some exceptions the churches came up to the request to increase pledges one-third.

Rev. J L. Bennett urged the cause of the Second Monroe church. A motion was made and carried that the amount of funds then on hand be used in paying the debts of said church. This action was afterwards reconsidered, and the matter placed in the hands of the Executive Committee to do as they see fit.

After the noon recess, the first business was the report on

THE ORPHANAGE.

We have under our care some two hundred or more children a1

Thomasville, entirely dependent upon us, not only for an education and religious training, but for daily food and clothing. The Bible is very explicit as to our duty toward these unfortunate children. We must have the spirit of Christ, and this duty is seen in the spirit of Christ. Just before He left His disciples, He told them that He would not leave them orphans and that He was going to prepare a home for them. We have a home for the orphans, but they must be cared for in that home. And while we cannot be father and mother in all respects, we can be father and mother in that of clothing, feeding, and educating them, and let us remember that when we do this we give expression to pure and undefiled religion.

Respectfully submitted, JOEL S. SNIDER.

Bro. A. Johnson was given the right of way, and after a very earnest speech, the report was adopted, and the following pledges made:

For the Orphanage—Antioch $2, Bethel $1.50, Deep Springs $1.50, Ebenezer $2, Faulks $2, Hermon $3, Hopewell $3, Hamilton's X Roads (paid) $1.70, Macedonia $2, Marshvillo $8, Meadow Branch $10, Mill Creek $2, Monroe First Church $20, Monroe Second Church $1, Mt. Harmony $5, Mt. Olive $5, New Hope $2.50, Olive Branch $2, Oak Grove $3, Philadelphia $2, Pleasant Hill $1, Sandy Ridge $1, Shiloh $3, Waxhaw $5. Total $89 20.

Finance Committee report the following amounts sent up by the churches: For State Missions, $53; Home Missions, $33.25; Foreign Missions, $36.37; Education, $8.21; Orphanage 39.55; Ministers' Relief, $7; Minutes, $40.16; Wingate School, $42.25. Total, $259.69.

The committee to nominate Executive Board report, and their nominees are elected (See first page.)

Rev. R. H. James is elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. T. P. Little, alternate.

The Treasurer offers his report, which is adopted.

The following delegates are appointed to the State Convention: A. B. Caudle, A. C. Davis, J. L. Bennett, O. M. Sanders, A. Marsh, J. C. Morgan, R. H. James.

The following report is read and adopted without discussion, owing to lack of time:

WINGATE SCHOOL.

The Board of Trustees of Wingate School beg leave to submit the following report:

1. It is with just pride that we note the continued success and substantial growth of our Associational school located at Wingate.

2. We feel that the labors and sacrifices of those who were most

active in its establishment have not been in vain, and that the chief purpose for which it was founded, viz: to afford our youth the very best training possible under Christian influence, is being realized.

3. We believe that the Wingate School has passed beyond the experimental stage and that henceforth it should be our constant aim and steady endeavor to add from time to time new accommodations and new equipments to meet rapidly growing demands.

4. During the past year the school building has been painted and otherwise improved by the neighborhood and a few outside friends, while the increased attendance of students makes the demand more and more imperative for additional room and an increased corps of teachers.

5. The influence of the Wingate School is being felt in many localities beyond the bounds of our own Association. During the last session there were enrolled 190 students, representing ten counties in our own State and South Carolina.

6. As evidence of thorough work done in the school room the young men and young ladies who have gone from Wingate to the various colleges of the State have invariably taken a high position in their classes.

7 The running expenses of the school, so far, have been fully met by the income from tuition. There will be no call on the denomination for running expenses of the school; all contributions will be for permanent improvements, improvements that will represent money value. There is great need for another building, containing society halls, music and recitation rooms. Some expenditures in improving the grounds would be of great value to the school. The demand is now on this body to devise ways whereby these two objects may be accomplished.

8. The following amounts have been contributed by individuals for paying for the 26 acres of land which the trustees purchased last year: T. B. Liles $1, G. M. Stewart $8, Mrs. J. A. Bivens $1, Mrs. D. E. Lowder $5, Paul Bivens $1, M. W. Griffin $2, J. S. Snider $2, E. W. Sikes $5, Miss Lou Ashcraft $1, M. A. Griffin $1, Mrs. M. A. Griffin 50c., B. D. Austin $2, E. A. Hurley $1, A. B. Caudle $2.50, W E. L. Williams $1, A. C. Davis $2, J. S. Spittle $1.25, J. H. Reader $5, T. L. Caudle $1, Mrs. R. J. Boyd 50c., Mrs J. T. Lowery 50c., Mrs. F. C. Hamilton 50c., Mrs. B. F. Parker 50c., J. L. Bennett $5; total $73.80. We recommend that the list of contributors be printed in the minutes along with other contributors.

9. In conclusion, we do earnestly hope that this great work will take hold of the hearts of all our people and result in increased efforts on their part to partake of its advantages. The only purpose in the existence of the Wingate School is to help our people, and to this end every parent in this Association should make a special effort to bring his children within its influence.

J. W. BIVENS, Ch'm.
A. B. CAUDLE, Sec.

Bro. E. C. Williams is elected Trustee of Wingate Schoo to fill the unexpired term of our late brother, D A. Covington.

The thanks of the Association are tendered to the church, community and town of Marshville for their hospitality.

The Writers for next session are announced by the Moderator. (See first page.)

A motion is made and carried that any brother attending any sister Association should represent this body there.

The Treasurer is instructed to turn over the amounts in his hands to the various objects designated.

The Clerk is authorized to have the minutes printed, and he is allowed usual fee for his services.

SUNDAY.

After song and prayer services, the report on Sunday Schools was read as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We recognize in the Sunday School a powerful agency in the conversion of men and women. We urge upon our people the establishment of schools, and that they see to it that their children attend them. It is generally true that the church with a good Sunday School has frequent additions, while churches without schools have few. The Sunday School is the feeder of the church, the recruiting ground of God's army, the training camp for young soldiers.

We beg every church to have a Sunday school and to secure the attendance of every child in the neighborhood. Every child in North Carolina has a right to be a member of some Sunday School.

WALTER SIKES.

Remarks were made by A. F. Sams, C. L. Fowler, Jno. W. Davis, A. C. Davis and J. L. Bennett, and the report was adopted.

At eleven o'clock Dr. A. M. Croxton preached to a large audience in the Presbyterian church, and Rev. A. B. Caudle in the Baptist church, Rev. J. L. Bennett preached in the same church in the afternoon. At these services a cash collection of $18 was taken towards liquidating the indebtedness of the Monroe Second Church.

PLEDGES FOR MISSIONS FOR NEXT YEAR.

CHUCHES.	HOME.	STATE.	FOREIGN.
Antioch	$2 00	$1 00	$1 00
Benton's X Road	1 50	1 00	1 00
Bethel	3 00	6 00	2 00
Corinth	1 00		
Deep Springs	2 00	2 50	2 00
Ebenezer	2 00	2 50	2 00
Faulks	2 00	3 00	2 00
Hermon	4 00	13 85	10 00
Hopewell	2 00	6 00	2 00
Hamitton's X R.(P'd)	1 00	1 75	1 59
Marshville	7 50	7 50	5 00
Macedonia	2 00		2 00
Meadow Branch	15 00	20 00	15 00
Mill Creek	5 00	4 00	2 00
Monroe First	25 00	26 66	35 00
Monroe Second	2 00	2 00	3 00
Mt. Pleasant	2 50	2 50	2 50
Mt. Harmony	4 00	3 00	2 00
Mt. Olive	3 00	4 00	2 00
New Hope			
New Home	50		
New Salem	1 50	1 00	1 00
Oak Grove	2 00	2 50	2 00
Olive Branch	2 00	3 00	2 00
Philadelphia	3 50	2 50	2 00
Pleasant Hill	1 00	1 50	1 00
Sandy Ridge	1 00	2 66	2 00
Shiloh	3 00	3 00	3 00
Union			9 40
Waxhaw	5 00	10 00	5 00
Waxhaw King St	1 00	1 00	1 00
Total	107 00	134 92	110 49

TREASURER'S REPORT.

STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS:		
Balance at last report,		$ 65 96
From Churches,		49 86
		115 82
Paid Rev. J. L. Bennett,	$50 00	
Paid Rev. D. A. Snider,	50 00	100 00
Balance,		15 82
HOME MISSIONS—Balance at last report,		28 88
From Churches,		38 33
		67 21
Paid Treasurer Baptist State Convention,	65 21	
Balance,		2 00
FOREIGN MISSIONS—Balance at last report,		49 29
From Churches,		32 25
		81 54
Paid Treasurer Baptist State Convention,	76 99	
Balance,		4 55
ORPHANAGE—Balance at last report		32 18
From Churches,		60 60
		92 78
Paid Treasurer of Orphanage,	92 78	
MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—Bal. at last report,		7 85
Meadow Branch Church,		5 00
		12 85
Paid Treasurer Baptist State Convention	7 85	
		5 00
AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF—Bal. at last report,		6 10
From Churches,		12 34
		18 44
Paid Treasurer State Baptist Convention,	18 19	
Balance		25

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dism'd by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total Membership	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministers Relief	Pastors Salary	Incidetals	Poor	Repairs	Minute Fund	Education	Church Expenses	Other Objects	Total	Value of Church Property
Antioch	A Marsh	B. F. Green, Long's Store...N. C.	4	1	..	3	6	..	28	49	77	2 39	2 50	2 00	.....	3 05	$ 30	.....	.....	...	1 20	.....	...	1 00	42 14	$ 350
Benton X Roads	J. G. Gulledge	J. K. Trull, Raywood..... "	...	2	6	5	1	16	45	61	1 00	1 50	1 00	4 06	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 50	.....	60	.....	...	3 92	19 58	250
Bethel	A. Marsh	T. B. Ashcraft, Marshville.. "	...	...	3	1	2	19	26	45	6 00	3 48	2 00	1 50	.....	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	1 10	.....	...	...	60 08	350
Corinth	J. G. Gulledge	T. J. Caudle, Monroe..... "	11	11	1	1	1	1	14	20	34	.....	1 10	.....	1 55	.....	25	.....	.....	29 68	75	.....	...	5 92	64 00	300
Deep Spring	A. Marsh	L. B. Phifer, Peachland.... "	2	...	...	1	1	..	29	50	79	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	33	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	...	.....	42 00	450
Ebenezer	R. H. James	W. A. Chaney, Baucom .... "	16	8	1	7	5	2	47	73	120	2 50	2 00	2 00	2 01	.....	40	.....	1 30	3 56	1 50	.....	...	15 10	69 97	300
Faulks	J. A. Bivens	J. F. Moore, Faulks..... "	15	2	3	5	...	..	42	112	154	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	15 00	12 00	.....	1 11	.....	$100	10 00	208 22	450
Hermon	J. W. Little	O. M. Sanders, Walkersville "	6	4	..	2	2	..	38	51	89	12 00	5 00	10 00	8 00	.....	75	2 00	25 00	.....	80	.....	...	20 00	157 80	400
Hopewell	D. A. Snider	W. L. Biggers, Long's Store "	10	3	..	6	..	3	68	92	160	6 00	2 00	4 74	4 00	1 33	70	2 09	11 19	.....	2 15	1 00	...	.....	120 18	650
Hamilton X Roads	J. A. Bivens	Ellison Hamilton, Marshville "	4	1	..	..	..	..	18	30	48	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	30	5 00	.....	119 75	1 00	1 00	...	.....	165 75	600
Marshville	A. Marsh	A. P. Phifer, Marshville.... "	5	13	..	3	3	..	68	151	219	10 00	9 34	7 44	10 65	.....	115	.....	.....	70 00	2 00	.....	..	37 00	262 51	1000
Macedonia	A. B. Caudle	A. F. Helms, Doster..... "	21	5	1	...	..	1	44	77	121	2 00	4 60	2 00	2 00	.....	60	17 56	.....	.....	1 65	.....	...	.....	89 93	200
Meadow Branch	Thos. Carrick	Bright Griffin, Wingate..... "	26	12	1	6	1	4	139	190	329	27 39	11 69	16 20	13 19	5 63	150	53 74	.....	210 00	3 50	5 00	...	5 00	505 69	1200
Mill Creek	D. A. Snider	L. S. Helms, Unionville..... "	...	4	1	11	2	2	53	78	131	4 30	5 31	2 25	2 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	1 00	..	6 50	23 49	300
Monroe First	A. M. Croxton	R. Redfearn, Monroe..... "	1	12	1	13	1	1	90	164	254	64 09	67 50	40 00	25 82	5 00	600	97 80	8 70	1180 88	3 50	10 00	....	93 77	2209 06	9000
Monroe Second	J. L. Bennett	J. R. Haney, Monroe..... "	4	3	3	5	..	2	12	41	53	2 00	2 00	3 00	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	35 15	1 00	.....	...	.....	93 15	775
Mt. Pleasant	T. P. Little	M. D. L. Preslar, Monroe† ..	4	...	1	2	1	1	42	68	110	3 31	4 26	4 00	3 00	1 00	40	.....	7 50	.....	1 40	.....	...	1 56	67 03	250
Mt. Harmony	A. B. Caudle	P. A. Fisher, Matthews..... "	7	3	5	7	9	3	49	71	120	3 00	6 65	2 00	5 00	.....	100	5 00	...	1 00	1 10	.....	...	.....	125 35	500
Mt. Olive	W. H. Whitehead	J. T. Collins, White Store.. "	...	...	1	4	..	1	20	40	60	4 00	3 00	2 00	5 65	.....	25	14 00	...	.....	70	.....	...	.....	54 35	1000
New Hope	C. L. Fowler	M. C. Austin, Negrohead.... "	3	5	1	...	...	...	14	42	56	.....	1 90	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	...	.....	5 00	150
New Home	G. A. Huneycutt	J. J. Williams, Polkton..... "	2	1	...	...	...	...	11	23	34	1 50	1 00	.....	1 00	...	17	.....	.....	.....	65	.....	...	.....	21 15	300
New Salem	M. C. King	A. C. Penger, Monroe.... "	2	..	1	...	...	...	31	44	75	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	...	20	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	...	.....	24 00	200
Olive Branch	J. A. Bivens	Wilson Curran, Olive Branch "	3	..	..	1	4	3	32	80	112	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 75	1 06	48	10 44	.....	.....	1 05	.....	...	.....	68 36	400
Oak Grove	D. A. Snider	C. B. Gordan, Monroe..... "	7	..	1	7	3	..	37	67	104	2 50	3 00	3 60	3 00	1 00	50	10 95	.....	.....	1 25	.....	...	.....	76 65	350
Pleasant Hill	E. M. Brooks	L. P. James, Euto .. .. "	12	2	..	7	4	..	38	66	104	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	20	6 50	.....	.....	75	.....	...	.....	32 75	450
Philadelphia	D. A. Snider	J. T. Cox, Monroe† ..... "	4	1	..	8	1	2	68	108	176	2 50	3 50	2 00	2 00	.....	50	.....	4 40	.....	2 30	.....	...	6 73	73 43	800
Sandy Ridge	D. A. Snider	D. C. Montgomery, Monroe "	9	2	2	..	6	1	54	84	138	2 35	1 00	.....	.....	.....	50	7 00	.....	10 00	25	.....	...	.....	71 60	300
Shiloh	R. H. James	A. B. Helms, Monroe ..... "	...	12	2	1	3	3	59	90	149	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	1 70	.....	...	18 38	92 08	600
Union	J. A. Bivens	W. A. Hamilton, Lanes Creek "	4	...	..	2	1	..	39	53	92	5 60	5 48	4 78	2 91	.....	75	47 00	20 00	.....	1 75	5 25	...	11 00	193 29	300
Waxhaw	J. W. Little	John H. Godfrey, Waxhaw.. "	26	8	4	2	3	3	102	121	223	13 00	9 00	9 00	5 00	2 00	100	2 90	6 90	.....	1 60	.....	...	34 72	184 12	1200
Waxhaw King St*	..	J. P. Garrison, Waxhaw... "	...	33	..	..	..	..	15	18	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
		† Rural Route No. 1. "																								
Total,			211	113	33	115	63	36	1336	2224	3560	190 43	167 21	128 09	115 72	22 07	2027	214 98	96 99	1667 53	40 16	23 25	100	270 60	5222 71	22875

The following amounts were given for the objects named: Sunday School Missions—Meadow Branch, $4.35; Marshville, 1.08; Sandy Ridge, 1.00; Union, 8.77. Macedonia gave 1.70 for the Mills Memorial Building. For the Wingate School the First Baptist Church of Monroe gave 5.00, and Mt. Harmony gave 1.00.

* Not represented; statistics from last year's report.

Sunday School Statistics.

SCHOOLS	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES	No. Scholars	Offi. & Teachers	Total	Lesson Helps	Entire Expenses	Contributions to Other Objects
Antioch	J. T. C. Baucom, Long's Store, N. C.	34	6	30	35	$ 2 50	.....
Benton's X Roads	J. K. Trull, Unionville, "	25	5	30	29	75	.....
Bethel	F. A. Marsh, Marshville, "	25	4	29	30	3 00	.....
Corinth	B. F. Baker, Helmsville, "	50	4	54	135	3 00	.....
Ebenezer	J. D. Helms, Raywood, "	30	7	37	35	3 15	.....
Faulks	M. A. Collins, Faulks, "	25	5	30	32	1 67	.....
Hermon	W. H. Helms, Walkersville, "	45	6	51	50	5 00	.....
Hopewell	W L. Biggers, Long's Store, "	50	4	54	50	3 22	.....
Hamilton's X Roads	M. L. Sinclair, Marshville, "	70	6	76	45	4 00	.....
Marshville	J. C. Morgan, Marshville, "	60	8	68	107	12 64	.....
Macedonia	J. B. Mangum, Monroe, "	60	6	66	50	3 26	.....
Mountain Springs *	J. B. Mangum, Monroe, "	47	6	53	.....	.....	.....
Meadow Branch	J. W. Bivens, Wingate, "	172	12	184	257	19 12	$37 41
Mill Creek	I. A. Clontz, Sincerity, "	50	7	57	50	1 46	.....
Monroe First	F. B. Ashcraft, Monroe, "	90	12	102	....	42 61	42 48
Monroe Second	D. A. Mauney, Monroe, "	50	4	54	30	4 00	.....
Mt. Pleasant	M. D. L. Preslar, Monroe, "	45	7	52	50	4 50	1 75
Mt. Harmony	W. H. Mullis, Matthews, "	75	7	82	75	7 90	.....
Mt. Olive	Alfred Redfearn, White Store, "	25	4	29	40	4 40	.....
New Home	J. W. Dees, Olive Branch, "	40	5	45	30	3 00	.....
New Salem	W. S. Helms, Monroe, "	44	4	48	....	.....	.....
Olive Branch	J. C. Gaddy, Olive Branch, "	40	6	46	....	2 14	.....
Oak Grove	J. H. Reader, Monroe, "	50	7	57	54	1 08	.....
Pleasant Hill	J. C. Austin, Reuben, "	120	6	126	80	3 00	.....
Philadelphia	J. L. Autrey, Brown Creek, "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandy Ridge	W. R. Bruce. Altan, "	60	6	66	45	7 50	.....
Shiloh	A. B. Helms, Monroe, "	84	13	97	90	4 14	1 85
Union	B. F. Parker, Lanes Creek, "	75	7	82	71	7 00	.....
Waxhaw	J. W. Starnes, Waxhaw, "	67	8	75	90	7 00	.....
Waxhaw King St	J. T. Black, Waxhaw, "	....	8	....	....	2 40	.....

* Branch of Macedonia.

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

Dr. A. M. Croxton, ... Monroe, N. C.
M. E. King, ... Wingate, N. C.
M. D. L. Preslar, ... Monroe, N. C.
J. W. Little, ... Walkersville, N. C.
A. C. Davis, ... Olive Branch, N. C.
J. S. Snider, ... Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.
T. P. Little, ... Marshville, N C.
J A. Bivens, ... Richardson Creek, N. C.
W. H. Whitehead, ... Wingate, N. C.
J. L. Bennett, ... Marshville, N. C.
D. A. Snider, ... Marshville, N. C.
R. H. James, ... Wingate, N. C.
A. Marsh, ... Marshville, N. C.
A. T. Latta, ... Monroe, N. C.
A. C. Baker, ... Altan, N. C.
Wm. Little, ... Lanes Creek, N. C.
J. H. Reader, ... Monroe, N. C.

S. W. Bennett, J. G. Gulledge, J. W. Snider.

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OF THE

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OF THE

Union Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

The First Baptist Church,

Monroe, N. C.,

October 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 1900.

Compiled by A. B. CAUDLE, Clerk, Wingate, N. C.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

J. W. Bivens, Moderator,.....Wingate, N. C.
A. B. Caudle, Clerk, ...Wingate, N. C.
F. B. Ashcraft, Treasurer,.....Monroe, N. C.

Executive Board—O. M. Sanders, F. B. Ashcraft, W. G. Long, Jas. H. Williams, J. C. Morgan.

Trustees of Wingate School—J. W. Bivens, B. F. Parker, J. F. Gordon, Thos. E. Williams, J. C. Sikes, J. L. Bennett, I. A. Clontz, A. B. Caudle, A. Rushing, F. M. Sutton, E. C. Williams, O. M. Sanders, J. A. Bivens, J. B. Mangum, R. H. James.

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J. A. Bivens,.....Monroe, N. C.
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D A. Snider,.....Marshville, N. C.
R. H James,.....Wingate, N. C.
A Marsh,.....Marshville, N. C.
A. T. Latta,.....Monroe, N. C.
Wm. Little,.....Lanes Creek, N. C.
J. G. Gulledge,.....Lanes Creek, N. C.
C. L Fowler,.....Wingate, N. C.

WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

Foreign Missions,.....C. L. Fowler.
State and Associational Missions,.....O. M. Sanders.
Home Missions,.....F. B Ashcraft.
Orphanage,.....R. H. James.
Education,.....H. E Copple.
Periodicals,.....M. B. Dry.
Aged Ministers Relief,.....A. Marsh.
Temperance,.....M. D. L. Preslar.
Woman's Work,.....A M. Croxton.
Sunday Schools,.....R. D. Redfearn.

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY.

The forty-sixth annual session of the Union Baptist Association, met with the Monroe First Church, Monroe, N. C., October 11th, 1900. Rev. D. A. Snider preached the introductory sermon at 11 o'clock; Text: Acts, 20:35. Subject: Giving. It was a good sermon, full of Bible truth.

At two o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator, J. W. Bivens; the 136 Psalm was read; A. B. Caudle led in prayer; O. M. Sanders and W. A. Edwards were appointed reading clerks. A. B. Caudle was appointed clerk pro tem. The letters from the different churches were read and the names of the following messengers enrolled:

Antioch—J. M. York, J. A. Baucom, J. L. Baucom.
Benton's X Roads—J. K. Trull, J. L. Benton, W. F. Benton.
Bethel—V. A. Ashcraft, W. T. Morgan, H. B. Moore.
Corinth—R. W. Helms, A. J. Irby, T. J. Caudle.
Deep Spring—J. D. High, W. A. Sinclair, J. A. Davis.
Ebenezer—W. A. Chaney, J. S. Pyron, J. E. Rowell.
Faulks—I. F. Moore, T. E. Bivens, S. J. Helms.
Herman—R. W. Flow, John Bigham, O. M. Sanders.
Hopewell—J. L. Crowell, James Williams, C. F. Biggers.
Hamilton X Roads—B. F. Griffin, M. L. Sinclair, E. W. Strawn.
Macedonia—D. A. Outen, N. A. Funderburk, Hiram Griffin.
Marshville—H. G. Ashcraft, A. Phifer, E. W. Webb.
Meadow Branch—M. B. Dry, J. W. Bivens, E. W. Griffin.
Mill Creek—G. W. Hagler, M. N. Bivens, L. S. Helms.
Monroe 1st—R. Redfearn, F. B. Ashcraft, S. A. Robertson.
Monroe 2nd—D. A. Mauney, W. J. Trull, J. I. Duncan.
Mt. Harmony—B. A. Sistair, J. L. Baucom, Robt. Gibson.
Mt. Pleasant—J. Q. A. Little, G. W. Parker, M. D. L. Preslar.
Mt. Olive—A. Lowrey, A. E. Rushing, R. D. Redfearn.
New Home—Robert Atkinson, John W. Dees.
New Hope—J. L. Williams, W. G. Brantley, W. A. Tarlton.
New Salem—F. P. Presley, Albert Helms, Frank Crook.
Olive Branch—W. L. Parker, J. R. Stewart, Wilson Currin.
Oak Grove—S. M. Rogers, J. S. Spittle, W. F. Alexander.
Philadelphia—V. T. Chears, Sanford Smith, E. A. Autrey.
Pleasant Hill—L. F. Austin, J. C. Stegall, L. P. James.
Sandy Ridge—W. R. Bruce, H. G. Hotchkiss, D. C. Montgomery
Shiloh—B. F. Garrison, F. M. Sutton, Leroy Crook.
Union—B. F. Parker. J. P. Horn, J. W. Thomas.
Waxhaw—J. W. Starnes, W. R. Godfrey, J. D. Godfrey.
Waxhaw King St.—Not represnted.

On motion the clerk pro tem was instructed to cast the vote of the Association for J. W. Bivens, as permanent moderator. The rules of the Association were suspended and A. B. Caudle was elected clerk and F. B. Ashcraft was re-elected treasuer by acclamation.

The following visiting brethren were recognized by the Moderator: J. C. Caddell, representing the Biblical Recorder, and Home Mission Board; F. P. Hobgood, president of the Oxford Female Seminary; J. F. Love, of the Pee Dee Association; J. J. McLendon, of the Mecklenburg Association and A. C. Baker of the Chesterfield Association. H. M. Dixon of the Presbyterian church was recognized by the Moderator.

A. C. Davis, O. M. Sanders and A. E. Rushing were appointed a committee on Order of Business.

On motion the subject of Periodicals was taken up. Remarks were made by J. C. Caddell, representing the Biblical Recorder.

The committee on Order of Business made their report, which was adopted. On motion the Association adjourned. Benediction by R. H. James.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association met, at 7:30, according to adjournment. Prayer by A. C. Davis.

The writer on Home Missions being absent the subject was discussed by J. C. Caddell, E. W. Sikes and F. P. Hobgood.

On motion the body adjourned. Benediction by T. P. Little.

FRIDAY.

The Association met at 9:30, devotional exercises were conducted by J. F. Love and at 10:30 the body was called to order by the Moderator.

J. B. Boon of the Baptist Orphanage, J. W. Cobb of the North Carolina Baptist, and W. M. Bagby of the Methodist ceurch were recognized by the Moderator.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator: Religious Exercises, the pastor and deacons of this church; Request and Queries, M. D. L. Preslar, V. A. Ashcraft, R. D. Redfearn; Obituaries, H. G. Hotchkiss, R. H. James, D. A. Mauney; to nominate an Executive Board and Trustees of the Wingate School, A. C. Davis, J. F. Moore, A. M. Croxton, M. B. Dry, A. Marsh; on Finance, O. M. Sanders, D. A. Outen, H. G. Ashcraft.

The report on State Missions was read by the writer, A. B. Caudle. Remarks were by the writer, R. H. James and A. C. Davis, and the report was adopted.

The roll of the churches was called and pledges were taken for State Missions.

On motion the executive board was requested to appropriate $50.00 to the Monroe Second church to supplement pastor's salary.

Brother J. W. Cobb was given ten minutes to present the claims of the North Carolina Baptist.

The writer on Foreign Missions being absent the subject was taken up and discussed by E. W. Sikes. At this juncture the report was read by the writer and further discussed by himself, J. F. Love, A. B. Caudle, Z. V. King, R. H. James and A. C. Davis, and the report was adopted.

On motion, adjounred. Benediction by J. W. Cobb.

AFTERNOON.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by A. T. Latta. The report on Periodicals was read by A. C. Davis and adopted.

The report on the Orphanage was read by J. B. Boon and discussed by the writer. A cash collection was taken for the Thomasville Orphanage amounting to $17.54.

On motion the Association agreed to pay $50 on the Mills Memorial Building, and the churches made pledges to be paid in thirty days. (See list of pledges.)

The report on Aged Ministers Relief was read and discussed by H. G. Hotchkiss and A. M. Croxton.

Treasurer F. B. Ashcraft made report for the year ending October 10th 1900. On motion the report was received.

Messengers were appointed to the State Convention as follows: A. M. Croxton, M. C. King, A. Marsh, A. C. Davis, O. M. Sanders and J. C. Morgan.

A. M. Croxton was appointed messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention; alternate, M. B. Dry.

The treasurer was instructed to pay all money coming into his hands to the objects for which it was contributed.

The Moderator announced that the night session would be devoted to the century movement, and the body adjourned. Benediction by J. B. Boon.

NIGHT SESSION—CENTURY MOVEMENT.

Prayer by J. F. Love. The first subject: The Century Movement and what does it propose to do? was discussed by J. F. Love of Wadesboro. The responsibility and duty of pastors in regard to Mission Work, was discussed by M. B. Dry. Baptist principals and what they have done for the world, was discussed by A. B. Caudle. E. W. Sikes spoke on what Baptist principles had done for North Carolina. Further remarks were made by A. C. Davis, and the body adjourned. Benediction by J. B. Boon.

SATURDAY.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. W. Cobb of the North Carolina Baptist, and at ten o'clock the Association was called to order and the minutes of Friday were read and approved.

On motion the clerk was ordered to apportion the expenses of our messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention among the churches and request them to pay it.

R. T. Vann, President of the Baptist Female University, and B. W. Spillman, Secretary of the Sunday School Board, were recognized by the Moderator.

The committee on Request and Queries made their report, as follows:

We, your committee on Request and Queries, submit the following report: Shiloh, Mill Creek, Macedonia, Oak Grove, Pleasant Hill, Hopwell and Waxhaw churches invite the Association to hold its next session with them; New Salem and Oak Grove request the prayers of this Association; the Monroe Second church requests $50 to help pay their pastor's salary for the incoming year. Respectfully submitted,

M. D. L. PRESLAR,
V. A. ASHCRAFT.

The report was adopted, and the roll of the churches was called and the Association decided to hold its next session with the Mill Creek church, eight miles north-east of Monroe; R. H. James to preach the sermon and A. B. Caudle alternate.

The committee to nominate Executive Board and Trustees for Wingate School, made their report as follows: For Executive Board, O. M. Sanders, F. B. Ashcraft, W. G. Long, James H. Williams, J. C. Morgan; for Trustees of Wingate School, I. A. Clontz, J. F. Gordon, J. L. Bennett, Thos. E. Williams and A. E. Rushing. The report was adopted and the five recommended for trustees of Wingate School were elected for a term of six years.

J. W. Bivens read the report on the Wingate School; remarks were made by J. W. Bivens, R. H. James, A. B. Caudle, E. W. Sikes and A. C. Davis, and the report was adopted.

On motion one was appointed in each church, whose duty it shall be to raise money for the completion of the Wingate School, as follows: Antioch, J. M. York; Benton X Roads, J. K. Trull; Bethel, V. A. Ashcraft; Corinth, C. A. Helms; Deep Spring, C. C. Davis; Ebenezer, W. A. Chaney; Faulks, J. F. Moore; Hermon, O. M. Sanders; Hopewell, W. L. Biggers; Hamilton's X Roads, Ellison Hamilton; Marshville, R. C. Griffin; Macedonia, J. B. Mangum; Meadow Branch, M. B. Dry; Mill

Creek, I. A. Clontz; Monroe 1st, F. B. Ashcraft; Monroe 2nd, D. A. Mauney; Mt. Pleasant, M. D. L. Preslar; Mt. Harmony, B. A. Sustair; Mt. Olive, A. E. Rushing; New Hope, J. L. Williams; New Home, Robert Atkinson; New Salem, A. C. Peneger; Oak Grove, J. F. Gordon; Olive Branch, Wilson Curran; Philadelphia, J. J. Cox; Pleasant Hill, L. F. Austin; Sandy Ridge, H. G. Hotchkiss; Shiloh, F. M. Sutton; Union, B. F. Parker; Waxhaw, J. D. Godfrey; Waxhaw King St., J. P. Garrison.

The report on Education was read and R. T. Vann, President of the Female University, made a thrilling address on education, after which the body adjourned; benediction by J. J. McLendon.

AFTERNOON.

Prayer by W. S. Walters. The report on Woman's Work was read and discussed by H. E. Copple, after which the report was adopted.

The committee on Finance made their report which was received and the committee discharged.

The report on Temperance was read by O. M. Sanders, which was discussed by himself, A. T. Latta, R. H. James, J. W. Cobb and others.

O. M. Sanders was elected a member of the State Mission Board.

The following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the delegates of this Association extend to the pastor and members of the Monroe Baptist church their heartfelt thanks for the kindness and courtesy shown them during the session of this body, and for the royal welcome given them in their homes.

On motion, the clerk was instructed to have the minutes printed and that he be allowed the usual fee for his services.

The Writers for next session were announced by the Moderator. (See first page.)

A motion was passed that any brother attending any sister association should represent this body there.

The pastor announced that B. W. Spillman would preach tonight, "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung and the Association adjourned to meet at Mill Creek church on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1901; benediction by R. T. Vann.

SUNDAY.

After song and prayer service the report on Sunday Schools was read and remarks were made by F. B. Ashcraft and B. W. Spillman, the report was adopted.

At eleven o'clock, Dr. R. T. Vann preached to a large congregration at the Baptist church, Dr. E. W. Sikes lectured at the Methodist church and Rev. B. W. Spillman preached at the Presbyterian church.

Thus closed one of the most peace fuland harmonious sessions of this body it has ever been our pleasure to attend. Advances were made along almost all lines and the brethren returned to their churches in the sunset of the nineteenth century full of zeal for the Master, who has said: Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh.

Where you find a nation that believes the Bible, that believes that it is the book of God, I say there is a hope for that nation. J. C. CADDELL.

When a hundred and fifty thousand people get together on their knees and found a school, that school will be living when Jesus comes again to the world. R. T. VANN.

I believe that the greatest conception I ever got from the Apostle Paul was not when he was caught up into the third heaven, but from this text: I am debtor both to the Greeks an to the Barbarians, both to the wise and the unwise.

R. T. VANN.

No man has ever seen himself and lived; you have seen your skin, your eyes, your mouth, etc., but you never have seen the image of God that is in you. R. T. VANN.

The most tiresome man I ever met is one that has no convictions of his own, but agrees with everything you say and answers by saying I see where you are right.

J. C. CADDELL.

Am I my brother's keeper, was spoken by a son of the first Adam; to the weak I become as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some; was spoken by a son of the second Adam.

R. T. VANN.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Sunday Schools.

The importance of a well organized Sunday School in every church is an admitted fact. It is also a fact that a large per cent. of the members of our churches, of recent years, came from the Sunday School; and the primary object of the Sunday School should be to cause the children at an early age to accept Christ as their Saviour. When this is accomplished the work is just begun; for the child must be developed and trained in the Christian graces, and one of the most important of these is that of giving. Solomon says train up a child in the way he shall go and when he is old he will not depart from it. Christ's great command to men is, love your neighbors as yourself. Train your children to bring their pennies to the Sunday School and when they have grown to be men and women they will give their dollars to help their neighbors and send the gospel to the world.

Respectfully,

F. B. ASHCRAFT.

Executive Board.

Report of Finance Committee for associational year ending October 10th, 1900:

Allowed A. B. Caudle for services for Mission Work at Mt. Spring, $25.00, at Indian Trail, $25.00; J. L. Bennett at second church, Monroe,$75.00; allowed Corinth church $20.00.

O. M. SANDERS, Chairman.

Temperance.

The evils arising from intemperance are perhaps greater than from all other causes combined. Statistics as to its enormity have been given time and again and no one doubts them. Could statistics be gotten of the church members who directly or indirectly encourage the evil the effect would be startling. It is to be expected that the world, the flesh and the devil will rally to its own, but that Christian people in such numbers as do should engage with them is indeed amazing. A revival in our churches along this line is especially needed.

Respectfully submitted, O. M. SANDERS.

Woman's Work.

We know there are different opinions as to what Christian women may do and yet not go beyond scriptural bounds. We will not pause here to discuss that question, but simply refer you to I Tim., 2: 11, 12,and I Cor., 14: 34, 35, where we find she

is required to be silent in public assemblies. And, yet, her work is great and her influence far reaching. First and foremost, in the home does she wield her benign influence which is most potent in the home circle, in the church, and state. When our Saviour came into the world and was rejected by his own people, having not a place to lay his head, there was a Mary to sit at his feet and receive instructions that enabled her to choose that better part which could never be taken from her, and a Martha to minister unto his physical necessities. When He comes to the cross, his disciples scattered like sheep in the midst of wolves, we find devout women standing near the cross with their righteous souls, no doubt, welling up in prayer for the Saviourr of the world as he hangs dying on the accursed tree. And, again, at the break of day they come in haste with their spices to pay a last respect to his body as it lay in the tomb.

Thus it has always been. Faithful and consecrated women have been found administering to the wants of the needy and destitute. They are doing a great work as teachers in our Sunday Schools and in sending valuable boxes to our needy frontier missionaries.

There are about seven hundred medical missionaries in the world and about one-third of these are women. Besides the wives of missionaries, there are 3,400 single female missionaries. Of the 94 missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention 53 are females. The sisters of our own state contributed last year about $7,000 to missions. The efforts and sacrifices they are making to establish Christ's kingdom all over the world are treasured up by the Great King of the universe and in that great day they shall receive their reward. Brethren, let us cooperate with them and encourage them in every good work.

Respectfully, H. E. COPPLE.

Obituaries.

Your committee on Obituaries report that we have lost by death thirty-five of our beloved brethren and sisters within the last year. While we mourn our loss it is their gain. We bow to the will of God, knowing that he doeth nothing wrong.

H. G. HOTCHKISS, for Committee.

Education.

Education by the State: I. Primary.—During the census period from 1880 to 1890 the actual number of illiterates in North Carolina was notably decreased. The percentage of illiteracy fell from 48 per cent. to 35 per cent. The last census period has marked another decrease which leaves about 33 per cent., and we still stand in the lowest class of the states in re-

spect to popular education. Under present conditions the great majority of the children are dependent upon the state for the rudiments of education and as long as these conditions remain unchanged we favor and encourage in all possible ways the system of public schools maintained by the state. In as much as the constitutional limit of taxation for this purpose is inadequate to meet the pressing necessity, we would suggest that the principal of local taxation be applied to supplement the school fund.

II. Higher.—While we favor under present conditions the maintenance of primary schools by the state, we do not think that public exigencies demand special appropriations by the state to higher education. As Baptists we believe it is our duty to resist further extension by this policy, and in all right ways to hasten the substitution for it of the voluntary principle in higher education.

Endowed Academies.—Without thorough Academic work the College must either languish or lose its character. The same reasons which have led to the endowment of Colleges, apply with force to the endowment of Academies. Ought not every Association, as such, to foster one or more Academies within its borders and seek to bring them up to the highest point of efficiency? We heartily commend to the patronage of the Baptists of Union county, the Wingate School, Wake Forest College, and the Baptist Female University.

A. F. SAMS.

Wingate School.

It is with a deep sense of gratitude that we, the Board of Trustees of the Wingate School, are able to report another year of successful work and substantial growth in your school at Wingate. The school has steadily grown in influence and popular favor and today stands in the front ranks of leading high schools and academies. The territory of the school's patronage has widened rapidly, so that at present more than a dozen counties are represented. There were enrolled during last session 231 students. The present enrollment for the present session has reached about 150 to date and the boarding patronage much larger than ever before. This enlarged patronage has necessitated an increase in the teaching force of the school, which in turn made additional school room an absolute necessity. So your Board of Trustees at their annual meeting in May planned for addition to the school building. This is now nearing completion and is a handsome and convenient structure, containing five rooms, to be used as recitation and music rooms and society halls. The total cost of the building when completed will be about six hundred dollars. About three hundred of this amount

has been subscribed and $75 paid. The running expenses of the school have been fully met by tuition fees, so there is no claim upon the Association for any object but permanent improvement. For help to pay off the balance due on this new building we appeal to you in behalf of your own property. Will not every member of the Association rally to its support in this time of need. We feel that this is the most important work before the Association. Brethren, we beg you to continue to support it with your prayers, your influence, your patronage and your money. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BIVENS, for Trustees.

Aged Ministers.

Our aged or infirmed ministers say unto us: "If we have sown unto you spiritual things is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things." Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. Therefore the Union Association recommends that the pastors take at least one collection for this object in all the churches each year.

Respectfully, H. G. HOTCHKISS.

Orphanage.

The Thomasville Baptist Orphanage is located in Thomasville, N. C., and is designed to care for indigent orphans. There are 190 orphans being cared for, and the orphanage is full to its capacity. From now on we will have to refuse all applicants, except to fill the places of those who go out, till more room is made. The great needs of the Orphanage now are to provide for the increased number and to provide for those who are pressing for admittance. We especially call the attention of the brethren to these needs. Respectfully submitted,

J. B. BOONE, for Com.

Periodicals.

Your committee commends the Biblical Recorder, the organ of the Baptist State Convention, as a paper worthy the patronage of every Baptist in North Carolina, as well as to all others who desire good religious reading. We also recommend the North Carolina Baptist as worthy of your support. And further we recommend Charity and Children, our orphanage paper. It is essentially necessary to give information concerning the work of the Orphanage; and keeps us in lively sympathy with our orphans. And in order that we keep in touch with our mission work we recommend the Foreign Mission Journal and our Home Field. Respectfully submitted,

A. C. DAVIS, for Committee.

Foreign Missions.

We boast that we are Missionary Baptists, that we are obedient to the great command, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature." The writer does not know how much preaching has been done throughout this Association on the subject of Foreign Mission, but reports show that so far as giving is concerned that preaching has very little effect. Last year we gave less than three cents per member to Foreign Missions. We should have no quarrel with our "anti-Missionary" brethren, for there is not three cents difference between us on the subject of Foreign Missions. The writer does not wish to argue to a body calling itself by a distinctive name —Missionary Baptists"—that Foreign Missions is Bible doctrine. We all agree that the heathen must have the gospel or be lost. Let us act on our profession and show by our increased contributions that we believe in Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted, B. C. ASHCRAFT.

State and Associational Missions.

The field for State Missions since the reunion of the two Conventions embraces the entire State of North Carolina. The Lord gave Abraham the boundaries of the promised land, but his descendants failed to conquer all of the territory given in that promise. So in State Missions our boundaries are defined, and it means every foot of ground from the Atlantic to the Tennessee line, and from Virginia to South Carolina. In no other State has the work of State Missions been more successfully prosecuted than in North Carolina. I only wish to repeat what has already been said, viz: "That our present plans of work in the factory towns and in the mountains, our volunteer missions and the general attitude of our Convention toward its opportunities and obligations have attracted attention in other States." I am proud to say further that North Carolina Baptists are occupying a position of leadership in their aggressive dealings with the problems of State evangelization. We have in North Carolina the best sort of Baptist people in the world. We are united. Our pastors are noble servants serving their churches, also the general cause. Our laymen are in the front, thoughtful and earnest, leading and helpful in this noble work. Our people are awakening all over the State to the call for better cooperation and greater consecration. While this is all true and much more might be said along the same line, much has been done and more is being done, yet there still remains much to do.

Acting under the instructions of the State Convention our Board has appropriated $20,000, which we are under obligations to Almighty God and to our missionaries to pay. If a church makes an obligation to pay a certain sum, who is responsible for its payment? Of course every member of said church is responsible. If our State Convention through our messengers have promised to pay our missionaries for their labors, who then is responsible for the debt? Is not every member of every Baptist church in North Carolina co-operating with our State Convention and working with our State Board? Ninety-two missionaries are working under appointment of our Board. Eighteen are at work among our factory people, for whose support there has been appropriated $2,325. Fourteen are at work in the mountains; to this work, including our general missionary, there has been appropriated $3,200. Thirty-three are at work in eastern North Carolina under discouraging conditions of prejudice and poverty; to their support has been appropiated $5,500. Twenty-seven are at work in the newer towns along the railroads, etc.; there has been appropriated for their support $4,200; to our educational work in the mountains $1,250; to our Sunday School work $1,000; to tract distribution $200; to our women volunteers in day school work in western North Carolina, traveling expenses, estimated at $200; to salary and expense account of the Board and Corresponding Secretary, $2,500. This money is due and should be paid by Dec. 1st, 1900. Much of this is due our missionaries and still unpaid. Most of these missionaries get but a scanty living and are often hampered and discouraged in their work by our slothfulness and neglect in paying our obligations. Our associational work for the year has been at Monroe Second church, Mountain Spring and Indian Trail.

Respectfully submitted, A. B. CAUDLE.

Home Missions.

The field of the Home Mission Board embraces all the States south of and including Maryland, Kentucky and Missouri together with Oklahoma and Indian Territories, and the Island of Cuba. It is divided into the following departments: Mountain Regions, Frontier Work, Foreign Population, Work Among the Negroes, Work in Cities and in Cuba. Here is a promising field for missionary activity. In the mountain regions of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama are found some of the best people in the world but thousands of them are without the gospel and without education. They need more and better schools and more in-

structive preachers. Frontier work embraces Oklahoma and Indian Territories and portions of Arkansas and Texas. Into these regions a vast stream of population is flowing and unless these people are reached by Baptists others may occupy the territory. The work of the Board among the foreign population has been chiefly in the towns and large cities where in many instances the foreign population far exceeds the native born. These foreigners coming, as they do, by thousands and tens of thousands must be christianized if they are to become useful citizens. The work of the Board among the negroes has been chiefly co-operative work and has proven very helpful to the negro. The most important field of the Home Board at present is Cuba with its million of population. Much good is being accomplished in this field but the needs are still great. What a grand opportunity is given Southern Baptists for winning these Cubans their next-door neighbors! There are several reasons why we should contribute liberally to the Home Mission Work. (1) The needs are great. (2) A considerable part of this money is spent in the bounds of our own State. (3) The Home Field is the base of supplies which, if neglected, will weaken all our other missionary enterprises. (4) The Bible teaches in unmistakable terms our duty towards our neighbors. Each converted soul is to build over against his own house first, bringing the sinner next in proximity to Jesus, as leaven leavens the nearest particles first till all are leavened.

Respectfully submitted, M. B. DRY.

Finance.

State Missions,	$ 67 18
Home Missions,	43 77
Foreign Missions,	50 90
Aged Ministers' Relief,	7 90
Orphanage,	45 95
Education,	90
Sunday School Missions,	3 25
Minute Fund,	40 16
Total,	$260 01

Respectfully Submitted, D. A. OUTEN,
O. M. SANDERS,
H. G. ASHCRAFT.

Treasurer's Report for Associational Year Ending Oct. 10, 1900.

STATE MISSIONS.

Received from former Treasurer,		15 82
Received from Finance Committee,		54 35
Received from Churches,		46 70
		116 87
Paid J. L. Bennett for services 2nd Church Monroe for 1899,	25 00	
Paid Corinth Church for 1899,	20 00	
Paid A. B. Caudle,	25 00	
Paid J. L. Bennett,	41 40	111 40
Balance on hand,		5 47

HOME MISSIONS.

Received from former Treasurer,		2 00
Received from Finance Committee,		35 42
Received from Churches,		89 21
		126 63
Paid Home Missions,	126 23	
Balance on hand,		40

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Received from former Treasurer,		4 55
Received from Finance Committee,		39 22
Received from Churches,		87 81
		131 58
Paid Foreign Missions,	128 33	
Balance on hand,		3 25

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Received from former Treasurer,		5 00
Received from Finance Committee,		9 21
Received from Churches,		12 00
		26 21
Paid Ministerial Education,	25 21	
Balance on hand,		1 00

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Received from former Treasurer,		25
Received from Churches,		7 66
Received from Finance Committee,		14 74
		22 65
Paid Aged Ministers,	14 99	
Balance on hand,		7 66

ORPHANAGE.

Received from Finance Committee,		42 25
Received from Churches,		107 37
		149 62
Paid Orphanage,	146 62	
Balance on hand,		3 00

MINUTE FUND.

Received from Finance Committe,		41 26
Paid R. F. Beasley for Minutes,	40 16	
Balance on hand,		1 10

WINGATE SCHOOL.

Received from Finance Committee,		42 25
Paid J. W. Bivens for School,	42 25	
Received for 2nd Church Monroe,		20
Received to defray expenses of Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention,		20 90
Paid to Delegate,	20 90	
Total amount received,		678 17
Total amount paid out,	656 09	
Total balance on hand,		22 08

F. B. ASHCTAFT, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES		Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dism'd by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total Membership	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministers Relief	Pastors Salary	Incidetals	Poor	Repairs	Minute Fund	Education	Church Expenses	Other Objects	Total	Value of Church Property
Antioch	A Marsh	B. F. Green, Long's Store	N. C.	4	1	..	3	6	..	28	49	77	2 39	2 50	2 00	.....	3 05	$ 30	.....	.....	.....	1 20	.....	.....	1 00	42 14	$ 350
Beaton X Roads	J. G. Gulledge	J. K. Trull, Raywood	"	4	...	2	6	5	1	16	45	61	1 00	1 50	1 00	4 06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	3 92	19 58	250
Bethel	A. Marsh	T. B. Ashcraft, Marshville	"	...	...	..	3	1	2	19	26	45	6 00	3 48	2 00	1 50	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	1 10	.....	.....	.....	60 08	300
Corinth	J. G. Gulledge	T. J. Caudle, Monroe	"	11	11	1	1	1	1	14	20	34	.....	1 10	.....	1 55	.....	25	.....	.....	29 68	75	.....	.....	5 92	64 00	300
Deep Spring	A. Marsh	L. B. Phifer, Peachland	"	2	...	..	1	1	..	29	50	79	2 50	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	33	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	42 00	450
Ebenezer	R. H. James	W. A. Chaney, Bancom	"	16	8	1	7	5	2	47	73	120	2 50	2 00	2 00	2 01	.....	40	.....	1 30	3 56	1 50	.....	.....	15 10	69 97	300
Faulks	J. A. Bivens	J. F. Moore, Faulks	"	15	2	3	5	...	..	42	112	154	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	15 00	12 00	.....	1 11	.....	$100	10 00	208 22	450
Hermon	J. W. Little	O. M. Sanders, Walkersville	"	6	4	..	2	2	..	38	51	89	12 00	5 00	10 00	8 00	.....	75	2 00	25 00	.....	80	.....	.....	20 00	157 80	400
Hopewell	J. A. Snider	W. L. Biggers, Long's Store	"	10	3	..	6	..	3	68	92	160	6 00	2 00	4 72	4 00	1 33	70	2 09	11 19	.....	2 15	1 00	.....	.....	120 18	650
Hamilton X Roads	J. A. Bivens	Ellison Hamilton, Marshville	"	4	1	..	..	..	..	18	30	48	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	30	5 00	.....	119 75	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	165 75	600
Marshville	A. Marsh	A. P. Phifer, Marshville	"	5	13	3	3	3	..	68	151	219	10 00	9 34	7 44	10 65	.....	115	.....	.....	70 00	2 00	.....	.....	37 00	262 51	1000
Macedonia	A. B. Caudle	A. F. Helms, Doster	"	21	5	..	..	..	1	44	77	121	2 00	4 60	2 00	2 00	.....	60	17 56	.....	.....	1 65	.....	.....	.....	89 93	200
Meadow Branch	Thos. Carrick	Bright Griffin, Wingate	"	26	12	1	8	1	4	139	190	329	27 39	11 69	16 20	13 19	5 63	150	53 74	.....	210 00	3 50	5 00	.....	5 00	505 69	1200
Mill Creek	D. A. Snider	L. S. Helms, Unionville	"	...	4	1	11	2	2	53	78	131	4 30	5 31	2 25	2 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	1 00	.....	6 50	23 49	300
Monroe First	A. M. Croxton	R. Redfearn, Monroe	"	1	12	1	13	1	1	90	164	254	64 09	67 50	40 00	25 82	5 00	600	97 80	8 70	1180 88	3 50	10 00	.....	93 77	2209 06	9000
Monroe Second	J. L. Bennett	J. R. Haney, Monroe	"	4	3	3	5	..	2	12	41	53	2 00	2 00	3 00	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	35 15	1 00	.....	.....	.....	93 15	775
Mt. Pleasant	T. P. Little	M. D. L. Preslar, Monroe†	"	4	...	1	2	1	1	42	68	110	3 31	4 26	4 00	3 00	1 00	40	.....	7 50	.....	1 40	.....	.....	1 56	67 03	250
Mt. Harmony	A. B. Caudle	P. A. Fisher, Matthews	"	7	3	5	7	9	3	49	71	120	3 00	6 65	2 00	5 00	.....	100	5 00	.....	1 00	1 10	.....	.....	.....	125 35	500
Mt. Olive	W. H. Whitehead	J. T. Collins, White Store	"	...	...	1	4	...	1	20	40	60	4 00	3 00	2 00	5 65	.....	25	14 00	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	54 35	1000
New Hope	C. L. Fowler	M. C. Austin, Negrohead	"	3	5	1	...	...	...	14	42	56	.....	1 90	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	5 00	150
New Home	G. A. Huneycutt	J. J. Williams, Polkton	"	2	1	..	...	...	...	11	23	34	1 50	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	17	.....	.....	.....	65	.....	.....	.....	21 15	300
New Salem	M. C. King	A. C. Penger, Monroe	"	2	...	1	...	...	...	31	44	75	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	24 00	.....	.....	.....	24 00	200
Olive Branch	J. A. Bivens	Wilson Curran, Olive Branch	"	3	...	..	1	4	3	32	80	112	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 75	1 06	48	10 44	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	68 36	400
Oak Grove	D. A. Snider	C. B. Gordan, Monroe	"	7	...	1	7	3	...	37	67	104	2 50	3 00	3 60	3 00	1 00	50	10 95	.....	.....	1 05	.....	.....	.....	76 65	350
Pleasant Hill	E. M. Brooks	L. P. James, Euto	"	12	2	..	7	4	..	38	66	104	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	20	6 50	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	32 75	450
Philadelphia	D. A. Snider	J. T. Cox, Monroe†	"	4	1	..	8	1	2	68	108	176	2 50	3 50	2 00	2 00	.....	50	.....	4 40	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	73 43	800
Sandy Ridge	D. A. Snider	D. C. Montgomery, Monroe	"	9	2	2	..	6	1	54	84	138	2 35	1 00	.....	.....	.....	50	7 00	.....	10 00	2 30	.....	.....	6 73	71 60	300
Shiloh	R. H. James	A. B. Helms, Monroe	"	...	12	2	1	3	3	59	90	149	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	92 08	600
Union	J. A. Bivens	W. A. Hamilton, Lanes Creek	"	4	...	..	2	1	..	39	53	92	5 60	5 48	4 78	2 91	.....	75	47 00	20 00	.....	1 70	.....	.....	18 38	193 29	300
Waxhaw	J. W. Little	John H. Godfrey, Waxhaw	"	26	8	4	2	3	3	102	121	223	13 00	9 00	9 00	5 00	2 00	100	2 90	6 90	.....	1 75	5 25	.....	11 00	184 12	1200
Waxhaw King St*	..	J. P. Garrison, Waxhaw	"	...	33	..	..	..	..	15	18	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 60	.....	.....	34 72	.....	.....
		† Rural Route No. 1.	"																								
Total,				211	113	33	115	63	36	1336	2224	3560	190 43	167 21	128 09	115 72	22 07	2027	214 98	96 99	1667 53	40 16	23 25	100	270 60	5222 71	22870

The following amounts were given for the objects named: Sunday School Missions—Meadow Branch. $4.35; Marshville, 1.08; Sandy Ridge, 1.00; Union, 8.77. Macedonia gave 1.70 for the Mills Memorial Building. For the Wingate School the First Baptist Church of Monroe gave 5.00, and Mt. Harmony gave 1.00.

* Not represented; statistics from last year's report.

PLEDGES FOR ALL OBJECTS NEXT YEAR.

	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Mills. Building.
Antioch,	$ 2.00	$ 2.00	$ 2.00	$ 3.00	$ 1.00
Benton's X Roads,	1.50	1.50	1.00	.....	.75*
Bethel,	4.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	.....
Corinth,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deep Springs,	1.50	2.00	1.50	2.00	1.60
Ebenezer,	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00*
Fanks,	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	.....
Herman,	15.00	5.00	12.00	7.00	1.00
Hopewell,	6.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Hamilton's X Roads,	2.00*	2.00*	2.00*	2.00*	.....
Marshville,	10.00	8.00	6.00	8.00	2.50
Macedonia,	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.70
Meadow Branch,	20.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	7.00
Mill Creek,	4.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	2.00
Monroe—First,	30.00	30.00	40.00	25.00	10.00
Monroe—Second,	3.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	.....
Mount Pleasant,	3.00	3.06	4.00	2.00	1.00
Mount Harmony,	4.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	1.50
Mount Olive,	4.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	1.00*
New Hope,	.....	1.00	.....	1.50	1.00*
New Home,	.50	1.00	.50	.....	.....
New Salem,	1.00	1.50	1.00	.25*	.....
Oak Grove,	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	2.00
Olive Branch,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Philadelphia,	2.00	2.50	2.00	3.00	1.00*
Pleasant Hill,	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.50	1.00
Sandy Ridge,	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.50	.....
Shiloh,	5.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	2.00
Union,	5.60*	5.48*	4.78*	8.00*	3.00
Waxhaw,	15.00	10.00	7.00	10.00	2.00
Cash,	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Totals,	$156.10	$123.04	$130.48	$126.03	$47.45

Explanation—A star (*) just after a group of figures means that the preceding amount has been paid.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES	Officers & Teachers	No. of Scholars	Total	Lesson Helps	Total Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Sunday School Missions	Charity & Children Taken
Antioch	J. A. Bateman, Long's Store, N. C.	6	45	51	40	1 80				
Benton X Roads	J. K. Ivey, Raywood	5	30	35	24	4 15				
Bethel	T. B. Ashcraft, Marshville	4	20	24	30	2 00				
Corinth	T. J. Caudle, Monroe	6	70	80	200	4 02				
Ebenezer	J. J. Stegall, Raywood	6	74	80	105	2 01				
Herman	W. H. Helms, Wallup	3	40	43	50	6 00	6 00			
Hopewell	R. Pope, Brief	3	40	43	40	3 00				1
Hamilton X Roads	M. L. Sinclair, Marshville	4	50	54	120	3 20				
Marshville	J. C. Morgan, Marshville	7	100	107	155	3 20		40		
Macedonia	J. B. Morgan, Monroe	6	45	51	45	2 75				
Mountain Spring	John Hair, Monroe	7	50	54	30	2 00				
Meadow Branch	J. W. Bivens, Wingate	13	212	225	200	34 11	15			25
Monroe First	E. B. Ashcraft, Monroe	12	150	162	150	60 10		31 48	2 00	35
Mill Creek	M. N. Bivens, Monroe	6	55	61		3 00				
Mt. Pleasant	B. L. Goodson, Monroe †	7	52	59	50	5 55				10
Mt. Harmony	P. A. Fisher, Matthews	6	54	60	60	7 30		5 00		
Mt. Olive	A. Lowery, Long Tree	5	30	35	48	3 00				
New Salem	A. C. Presgar, Monroe	5	40	45	20	6 35				
Olive Branch	H. T. Broome, Olive Branch									
Oak Grove	B. J. Griffin, Monroe	5	40	45	30	2 40				
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OF THE

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—HELD WITH—

Mill Creek Baptist Church,

October 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 1901.

Compiled by A. B. CAUDLE, Clerk, Wingate, N. C.

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Writers for Next Session.

Foreign Missions, ---------- Jesse Williams.
State Missions, ---------- J. C. Morgan.
Home Missions, ---------- R. F. Beasley.
Orphanage, ---------- T. P. Little.
Education, ---------- M. B. Dry.
Periodicals, ---------- E. C. Williams.
Aged Ministers' Relief, ---------- A. B. Caudle.
Temperance, ---------- A. Marsh.
Woman's Work, ---------- J. W. Bivens.
Sunday Schools, ---------- A. C. Davis.

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The next session will be held at Waxhaw Baptist Church, Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1902, at 11 o'clock. Introductory sermon by Dr. A. M. Croxton; alternate, Rev. A. Marsh.

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY.

The forty-seventh annual session of the Union Baptist Association met with the Mill Creek Baptist church October 10th, 1901, at 11 a. m. After singing "A charge to keep I have," the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. A. B. Caudle from Matt. 16: 6 and Mark 8: 15, subject: "The three leavens." Rev. J. A. Bivens lead in prayer. Adjournment for an hour with benediction by Rev. R. H. James.

At 2 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator, J. W. Bivens. Rev. A. C. Davis read the 40th chapter of Isaiah and lead in prayer. The letters from the churches were laid on the table. O. M. Sanders and R. F. Beasley were appointed reading clerks. The letters were read and messengers enrolled as follows:

Antioch—J. H. Presson, I. P. Hinson, J. D. Jenkins.

Benton's X Roads—D. A. Simpson, J. L. Benton, J. C. Williams.

Bethel—S. D. Moore, J. T. Leonard, F. A. Marsh.

Corinth—J. A. Helms, W. E. Helms, J. C. Price.

Deep Spring—C. C. Davis, Thomas Sinclair, L. B. Phifer.

Ebenezer—H. W. Hasty, J. E. Rowell, J. A. Presley.

Faulks—J. R. Jones, T. A. Presley, Emerson Bivens.

Herman—L. W. Helms, O. M. Sanders, W. H. Helms.

Hopewell—W. L. Biggers, T. L. Price, W. P. Griffin.

Hamilton's X Roads—S. E. Hamilton, James T. Hamilton, Pratt Williams.

Macedonia—J. B. Mangum, A. F. Helms, D. A. Outen.

Marshville—W. E. Collins, W. B. Marsh, J. C. Morgan.

Meadow Branch—M. B. Dry, T. E. Williams, M. W. Griffin.

Mill Creek—I. A. Clontz, T. F. James, N. W. Braswell.

Monroe 1st—J. C. Sikes, J. J. Moody, R. F. Beasley.

Monroe 2nd—D. A. Mauney, R. Mullis, Benj. Parker.

Mt. Harmony—J. T. Moser, Jesse Baucom, B. A. Sustair.

Mt. Pleasant—B. L. Goodwin, G. B. Funderburk, G. W. Parker.

Mt. Olive—C. H. Rivers, A. E. Rushing, L. R. Huggins.

New Home—Samuel Stegall, J. A. Thomas, N. G. Thomas.
New Hope—
New Salem—W. H. Long, A. C. Penegar, W. S. Helms.
Olive Branch—H. D. Allen, J. R. Stewart, W. F. Allen.
Oak Grove—J. S. Spittle, C. B. Gordon, R. S. Spittle.
Philadelphia—Rev. J. G. Gulledge, N. A. Rogers, C. L. Simpson.
Pleasant Hill—J. T. Dry, J. C. Austin, John Birmingham.
Sandy Ridge—G. J. Richardson, J. A. Melton, D. C. Montgomery.
Shiloh—J. A. Secrest, M. A. Polk, G. S. Myers.
Union—D. H. Parker, S. T. Snider, W. A. Hamilton.
Waxhaw—Jas. H. Godfrey, Henry Godfrey, J. D. Godfrey.
Waxhaw, King St.—Not represented.

The election of officers being in order the Association proceeded to ballot for Moderator, which resulted in the election of Dr. A. M. Croxton. A. B. Caudle was re-elected clerk, and F. B. Ashcraft was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

The Moderator appointed J. W. Bivens, O. M. Sanders and R. F. Beasley a committee on order of business, also a committee on the reception of new churches as follows: Rev. A. C. Davis, Rev. J. W. Little, and J. H. Godfrey. Churches seeking admission into the body were called for. Petitions were presented from the churches at Mountain Spring, Sardis and Roanoke asking membership in the body.

Rev. A. C. Baker of the Chesterfield, S. C., Association was recognized and welcomed to a seat in the body. Dr. A. M. Croxton, the Association's delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, made report that he attended the convention and had an enjoyable trip.

The committee on reception of new churches made report that they had examined the messengers representing the new churches seeking membership in the body and had found them to be regularly organized Baptist churches and orthodox in faith and doctrine, they also recommended their reception as members of the body.

The pastor and deacons of Mill Creek church were made a committee on devotional exercises.

On motion Roanoke, Sardis and Mountain Spring churches were received as members of the body, the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Reports were read from each church and messengers were enrolled as follows: Sardis, I. A. Honeycutt, Charles Helms, W. B. Foard; Roanoke, A. M. Price, A. F. Hagler, J. M. Hill; Mountain Spring, G. T. Snipes, J. R. Hair, J. C. Moore.

The committee on order of business made report as follows: Thursday afternoon report on Temperance. Friday, 9:30 a. m., Devotional Exercises; 10:00, Aged Ministers Relief; 10:30, Woman's Work; 11:30, Periodicals, adjourn; 1:30, Education; 2:30, Sunday Schools, adjourn at will. Saturday, 9:30, a. m., Devotional Exercises; 10:00, Orphanage; 11:00, State and Associational Missions, adjourn; 1:00, Home and Foreign Missions; 2:30, Miscellaneous Business.

The report on Temperance was read by Rev. M. D. L. Preslar. On motion the report was adopted. On motion adjourned until Friday morning. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Bivens.

FRIDAY MORNING.

9:30. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. C. Baker. Rev. J. W. Little lead in prayer. Acts 1:1–11 was read and a very appropriate talk was made by the leader. Rev. J. A. Bivens lead in prayer.

10:00. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Minutes of Thursday were read and approved. J. W. Bailey, editor of the Biblical Recorder, and Rev. S. F. Conrad, representing the North Carolina Baptist, were recognized by the Moderator and welcomed to seats in the body.

The Moderator appointed O. M. Sanders, J. B. Mangum and Rev. T. P. Little a committee on Finance.

The report on Aged Ministers' Relief was called for and read by Rev. A. Marsh. On motion to adopt the report remarks were made by Rev. J. W. Little, Rev. R. H. James and A. C. Davis. A collection was taken for this object amounting to $6.69. The report was adopted.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Dr. A. M. Croxton and discussed by the writer, Rev. A. B. Caudle, Rev. J. W. Little, Rev. S. F. Conrad, Rev. D. A. Snider and others. The report was adopted.

The Moderator announced the following committees: Obituaries, Thos. E. Williams, J. T. Moser, and A. E. Rushing; Request and Queries, W. A. Hamilton, A. C. Penegar, and I. A. Clontz; To Nominate Executive Board, Rev. A. Marsh, Rev. D. A. Snider, J. J. Moody, C. H. Rivers, Rev. J. A. Bivens.

The peport on Periodicals was read by Prof. M. B. Dry. A motion to adopt was made, followed by remarks by Editor J. W. Bailey, on the Biblical Recorder; Rev. A. C. Davis, on the Foreign Mission Journal, and our Home Field; Rev. S. F. Conrad, on the North Carolina Baptist, and Rev. R. H. James represented Charity and Children. The report was adopted. Adjourned for one hour. Benediction by Rev. S. F. Conrad.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

1:30, P. M. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. J. G. Gulledge.

The report on Education, written by H. E. Copple, was read by Prof. M. B. Dry. On motion to adopt remarks were made by Rev. A. C. Davis. J. W. Bailey made an address on this subject in which he reviewed our history in the past, telling of the sore trials and disadvantages through which our Baptist cause has come to its present greatness and power; how in this land of liberty we have grown and multiplied. For heighth and depth, and breadth, point and pith we never heard this speech surpassed.

On motion all speakers except the reader of reports were limited to ten minutes.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by the clerk and on motion was adopted without discussion. On motion adjourned. Prayer by J. W. Bailey.

SATURDAY MORNING.

9:30. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. M. D. L. Preslar.

At 10 o'clock the Association was called to order. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report on the Orphanage was called for and read by Rev. R. H. James. On motion to adopt remarks were made by the writer, and Rev. J. W. Little. The report was adopted.

Rev. Livingston Johnson, secretary of the State Board, was recognized and made welcome by the Moderator.

The report on State and Associational Missions was read by the writer, O. M. Sanders. Pending its adoption, Brother Johnson, our State Secretary, made a most thrilling address on State Missions, canvassing as it were the territory from the seashore to the mountain tops in the western part of the State, telling of our achievements in the Lord's work, of preaching the gospel of the Kingdom here and there by our missionaries, blessing the people, building up churches in destitute sections of our beloved State. On motion a cash collection was taken for State Missions, amount $8.67. The collection tomorrow to be taken for the same object. Remarks were made by A. B. Caudle, R. H. James, A. M. Croxton and others. The report was adopted.

The Treasurer made his report, which on motion was received and adopted.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. S. R. Brock.

The report on Home Missions was called for and read by the writer, F. B. Ashcraft; also the report on Foreign Missions was read in the same connection by Rev. A. C. Davis. Pending the adoption of the reports, remarks were made by Rev. A. C. Davis. The report was adopted. The names of the churches were called and pledges were taken for State, Home and Foreign Missions, also for the Thomasville Orphanage. The Executive Board made the following report:

We, the Executive Board, make report as follows: We have paid out during the year for missionary work to—

W. S. Walters, Monroe Second Church,	$50.00
A. B. Caudle, at Mountain Spring,	25.00
C. L. Fowler, at New Salem,	15.00
A. B. Caudle, at Sardis,	15.00
Total,	$105.00

Respectfully submitted,

O. M. SANDERS,
F. B. ASHCRAFT,
W. G. LONG,
JAS. H. WILLIAMS.
J. C. MORGAN.

The Moderator announced the following brethren as writers on the different objects for our next session: Foreign Missions, Jesse Williams; Home Missions, R. F. Beasley; State Missions, J. C. Morgan; Orphanage, T. P. Little; Education, M. B. Dry; Periodicals, E. C. Williams; Aged Ministers Relief, A. B. Caudle, Temperance, A. Marsh; Woman's Work, J. W. Bivens; Sunday Schools, A. C. Davis.

On motion the following messengers were appointed to the State Convention: A. C. Davis, F. B. Ashcraft, A. B. Caudle, J. W, Little, A. M. Croxton, R. H. James, J. A. Bivens, A. Marsh.

On motion Rev. T. P. Little was appointed our messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, alternate M. D. L. Preslar. On motion Dr. A. M. Croxton was elected our member of the State Board. On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay out all money to the objects for which it was contributed.

The report on request was made and adopted.

We, your committee on Request submit the following report: Oak Grove, Waxhaw, Shiloh Bethel, Hopewell and Meadow Branch churches invite the Association to hold its next session with them; Oak Grove, New Salem, Shiloh and Sandy Ridge

ask for prayers; the Monroe Second church asks for the same appropriation received from the Association last year; the First Church of Monroe asks that all the churches of the Association increase their pledges 20 per cent.

Respectfully submitted, A. C. PENEGAR,
W. A. HAMILTON,
I. A. CLONTS.

On motion the body recommends the Board to supplement the Monroe Second church $50.00.

The roll was called and the churches voted to hold the next session with the Waxhaw church, Dr. A. M. Croxton to preach the sermon, Rev. A. Marsh alternate.

The report of the Trustees of the Wingate School was read by A. B. Caudle. Remarks were made by A. C. Davis, A. B. Caudle, and Prof. M. B. Dry. The report was adopted.

On motion the Moderator and Clerk were requested to appoint a committee of one in each church to raise money to pay off the debt of $80.00 on the new school building. Adopted.

The clerk was instructed to have the minutes printed and draw on the treasurer for the same; also that the clerk be allowed the usual fee for his services.

The committee on Obituaries made the following report: We, your committee on Obituaries report that we have lost by death thirty-five of our dear brethren and sisters within the last year. While we mourn our loss it is their gain. Let us bow in submission to Him who doeth all things.

Respectfully submitted, T. E. WILLIAMS, for Com.

The committee to nominate Executive Board made report: "We, your committee to nominate Executive Board submit the following names: J.W.Bivens, F.B. Ashcraft, Wm. Biggers, B. F. Parker and H. G. Ashcraft." The report was adopted.

The Finance Committee made their report and were discharged. It was as follows:

State Misssions,	$52.18
Home Missions,	47.00
Foreign Missions,	48.00
Orphanage,	44.76
Aged Ministers Relief, including collection,	9.10
Mills Memorial Building,	2.00
Minute Fund,	39.53
	$242.67

Respectfully submitted, O. M. SANDERS,
J. B. MANGUM,
T. P. LITTLE.

Prof. M. B. Dry offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this body extend to the pastor and members of this church and community their heartfelt thanks for the kindness and courtesy shown them during the session of this body and the royal welcome given them in their homes, also to the Moderator and Clerk for their services.

The oommittee on devotional exercises made announcement for tomorrow: Rev. Livingston Johnson to preach at 11 o'clock; Rev. A. Marsh in the afternoon.

The Association then adjourned to meet with the Waxhaw church on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1902. Prayer and benediction by Rev. J. A. Bivens.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Owing to swollen streams Brother Johnson with a great many others could not reach the Association, therefore Brother L. Johnson preached at Meadow Branch church (Wingate) from Ezekiel 1:20. A cash collection was taken for State Missions, amount $7.30. At the Association Rev. A. C. Davis preached at 11 o'clock from Matt. 24: 3. Rev. T. P. Little preached in the afternoon from Matt. 6:25. A cash collection was taken for State Missions, amount $____

By order of the Association the following brethren and sisters are appointed to represent the Wingate School in their churches to raise money to pay off the debt on the new school building, and are earnestly requested to act at once: Antioch, J. H. Presson; Bethel, F. A. Marsh; Corinth, T. A. Richardson; Deep Spring, C. C. Davis; Ebenezer, W. A. Chaney; Eaulks, Emerson Bivens; Herman, W. H. Helms; Hopewell, T. L. Price; Hamilton's X Roads, S. E. Hamilton; Macedonia, Miss Allie Outen; Marshville, Miss Lillian Marsh; Meadow Branch, Ira Mullis; Mill Creek, T. F. James; Monroe First, Mrs. J. C. Fletcher; Monroe Second, D. A. Mauney; Mt. Harmony, J. E. Sustair; Mt. Pleasant, B. L. Goodwin; Mt. Olive, Miss Alma Bivens; New Home, Miss Fannie Thomas; New Salem, A. C. Penegar; Olive Branch, H. D. Allen; Oak Grove, Mrs. J. L. Gordon; Philadelphia, C. L. Simpson; Roanoke, J. M. Hill; Sandy Ridge, D. C. Montgomery; Shiloh, Miss Eliza Secrest; Union, W. A. Hamilton; Sardis, Miss Lilly Honeycutt; Waxhaw, Miss Florence Godfrey. Please forward amounts collected to F. B. Ashcraft, Monroe, N. C.

A. M. CROXTON,
A. B. CAUDLE,
Committee.

REPORTS.

Aged Ministers' Relief.

While it is our duty to help those who are preaching the gospel, it is no less a duty to aid those who from age are no longer able to preach. So we have a board appointed by our convention whose duty it is to look after this work. This board is asking us to help them that they may be able to relieve the Lord's faithful poor. The most of our churches have given very little heed to this call as shown by our minutes. Believing this to be an object that is honoring to God, we suggest that we do more in the future than we have in the past. A. MARSH.

Sunday Schools.

The object of a Sunday School is two-fold. First, it must labor to win to Christ those who are not his followers; and second, to develop and give to the christians a more thorough knowledge of the Word of God. That a well organized Sunday School is a great power in the church is an admitted fact by all, and as a proof of this we only have to ask how many ever become christians without ever attending Sunday School. A live Sunday School is the church at work. The reports of last year show that many of our church members were not engaged in the Sunday School work. There were 1604 students last year, and many of them were not church members, yet we had 3560 members in our Association. This shows that about 2000 of our Baptists did not attend Sabbath School. There were 1893 Helps taken, and also 75 Charity and Children. This small paper we heartily recommend to the schools of our Association. Our Master's great command was, "Go teach all nations," and this would teach man by catechism as much as it does by proclamation.

Brethren, let us as true Baptists and followers of our Master, obey this great command, if not by precept by example.

Respectfully, R. D. REDFEARN.

Education.

We are delighted to note the increased interest that the citizens of Union county, and especially our own Baptist people, are taking in practical education. The common belief that only the professions are to be filled with educated men is, to some extent, fading away. This is an age of push. It matters not what avocation our sons and daughters are to fill we cannot hope for them to keep pace with their fellows and fill their sphere in life with greatest success, unless we give them at least a common, practical mental development. There are scores of fathers and mothers among our own people in the Union Association who take little interest in the intellectual development of their own

children. These brethren and sisters are to be enthused, if at all, by the personal efforts of those among us who are already interested. It is a great privilege and duty of every parent to give his child the very best religious, moral, and intellectual training possible. To this end, therefore, let us rally to the support of our schools. The Wingate School, Wake Forest College, and the Baptist Female University, all second to no schools of their grade, appeal to us for our boys and girls. We are opposed to appropriations to State institutions for the benefit of the favored few while the State fails to offer to the masses even a common education. Let every Baptist in our Association see to it that his own and his neighbors children have the very best attainable school advantages. Respectfully submitted,

H. E. COPPLE.

Periodicals.

The most wholesome influence felt in our midst today as a State and as a nation, is exerted by the religious press. The firm stand for truth and right which, through all these years, our denominational papers have taken, has had much to do in shaping State and national affairs. They have led the vanguard in many of the great reforms that have blessed the world. What a vast field of increased usefulness would be opened up for them if they were supported as they deserve to be! Each week the BIBLICAL RECORDER, organ of the Baptist State Convention, and the NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST, and CHARITY AND CHILDREN should go into every Baptist home in the State. We recommend to the Association these papers together with HOME FIELD and the FOREIGN MISSON JOURNAL.

Respectfully submitted, M. B. DRY.

Home Missions.

We have great cause for encouragement to press forward in our efforts for Home Missions; God has signally blessed his word through our denomination. If we convert the people of our home land, that means a great deal for foreign fields. The work of the Home Mission Board covers a large territory, nearly, if not, all the Southern States, our own State included, Oklahoma and Indian Territories, also Missouri, Maryland and Kentucky. And last, but not least, in importance, the island of Cuba, with its million inhabitants, eager and anxious to hear and accept the Gospel of Christ, tired of the bandage of Roman Catholicism. The Home Mission Board carries on work in the mountains of Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama and our own Carolina and also among foreigners in our larger cities, who are unloaded here from the great steamers by the thousands every year. The Woman's Missionary Union is rendering acceptable

and loving service in its box packing for the frontier missionaries, on the western borders of this great country of ours. And there are thousands of others whose sympathies ought to be enlisted in this great work. Respectfully,

F. B. ASHCRAFT.

Woman's Work.

We hail with joy our sisters and congratulate them upon the splendid success they have achieved under God during the year now closing. Progress has been made along all lines of the work, and the outlook is exceedingly encouraging. Our sisters have walked with delicate tread along a pathway where innumerable dangers were supposed to lie. But their womanly sensibilities and conscious integrity and their earnest desire to serve, their firm faith in God, their jealous regard for his word, the honor of his name, and the prosperity of his cause, have led them so surely that all must rejoice in their noble work. Fears of disintegration have vanished, doubts of loyalty have been dispelled, anxiety lest we should suffer loss is all gone; and in the radiant dawn of the most glorious of all the centuries we may leave the dark forebodings in the shadows of the sleeping past. And as we face the increasing opportunities and the multiplying responsibilities, calling us to the busiest and most promising years of the Christian era, all should rejoice to find by their sides the warm heart, the delicate hand, the undaunted courage and the quenchless zeal of mother, wife and sister.

The contributions of the Woman's Missionary Union, last year were: to Home Missions, $20,549.54, in cash, and boxes valued at $26,887.88. To the Sunday School Board, cash, $622.42, and boxes valued at $8,401.16. To Foreign Missions, cash, $31,801.31. The grand total of all their gifts for the year amounted to the munificent sum of $88,262.31. And all this was done at the inconsiderable cost of $2,477.25. What can be tabulated is perhaps the least part of the great work they are accomplishing.

Most gladly do we recognize their helpful hands, and cordially commend them for their zeal and devotion in their work, which may well be designated as the right arm of missionary power. The pastor who fails to avail himself of this source of helpfulness wrongs the church of which he may be pastor.

A. M. CROXTON.

Foreign Missions.

God is the author of Missions. He saw lost men He loved; He sent His Son. Christ was the great Foreign Missionary. His disciples were entrusted with the work. Christ sent them and us to all the world, to every creature. The Bible, God's

Word, is a book of Missions, a book of universal conquest for our King. Its prophecies, prayers, promises and precepts all teach this: not just a few: "I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth." Christ taught us to pray for his kingdom to come and his will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations; "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. As my Father hath sent me even so I send you: go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Go, let go, help go. A. C. DAVIS.

State and Associational Missions.

Our State Board has from year to year increased the number of our State Missionaries until this year we need $25,000 to defray expenses. This much is absolutely needed and more could be wisely expended. There are many places in North Carolina where Baptist principles are unknown and many others where the cause is very weak. To help in this work it seems to us should be the desire of every true Baptist in North Carolina. Many think that $50,000 would not be too much to expend yearly in this work. Certainly the Union Association could easily double the amount it has been giving in this direction. More than half of our members give nothing to Missions of any kind. To devise some means of reaching these members it seems to us should be one of the main objects of our associational meetings. There is some destitution and several weak churches in our own bounds. We have expended this year $105 in this work: $25 at Mountain Spring—a mission point where there has been a church established this year, $50 at the 2nd church of Monroe, $15 to New Salem and $15 to Sardis. This much and more perhaps, could be wisely expended another year.

Respectfully submitted, O. M. SANDERS.

Temperance.

"He that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things," wrote one who was divinely inspired, and we believe that the virtue of Temperance is just as essential to success in life today as it was in the days of the Apostle Paul. By reference to Lev. 10: 9 and Eze. 44: 21, we find that a priest was not to drink wine while on duty. We also find by reference to Num. 6: 2–4, that a Nazarite was to be a total abstainer. And Paul, in speaking of the qualifications of bishops and deacons, says that they must not be given to much wine. Intemperance is the greatest crime breeder of the age. It fires every evil passion of the body, disqualifies man for every duty of life, makes a moral and physical wreck of every subject, and at last debars him from

entrance into the city of God. Brethren, believing these things, let us cry aloud and spare not. Let us unite heart and hand and exclude from our membership those who are regular visitors to dispensaries, barrooms, blind tigers or stills, and thereby take a decided stand for God and our country and maintain the honor and dignity of the church.

Respectfully, M. D. L. PRESLAR.

The Wingate School.

We, the Trustees of your school, are glad to report its continued progress and prosperity. In the providence of God we have had no reverses during the past year; and the school has entered upon its sixth session with better equipment, a stronger faculty, and larger patronage than any previous session. The total enrollment for last session was 261; that of the present session to date is 175, against 150 to same time last year.

During the year the addition to the main building has been completed, with the exception of painting, thus giving us in all four large recitation rooms, a music room, library room, and society hall. This new building meets all the present requirements of the school, and cost about $600.00. To meet part of this expense we were compelled to sell some of the lots belonging to the school. There is still a balance due of about $80.00. Besides this, the building is very much in need of a coat of paint, so we again appeal to you for help. This is OUR SCHOOL; and of it and its work every Baptist in the Union Association has the right to be proud. The school has steadily grown in power and usefulness from its establishment in 1896, until it now stands in the front ranks of preparatory schools in our State. For the blessings of God upon this department of our work, let us thank him and take courage. For there is no time yet for resting upon our oars. Much remains to be done. We believe that the work and usefulness of the Wingate School is still in its infancy. Therefore we plead earnestly with every member of the Union Association that your prayers, your influence, your contributions and your patronage may be given to the support of your school.

TRUSTEES.

Orphanage.

The Orphanage at Thomasville has done well the past year, as follows: Charity and Children receipts, $3,494.41; disbursements, $2,479.04; net profit, $1,015.37; farm receipts, $2,458.48; expenses, $1,538.27; net profit, $920.21; shoe shop receipts, $584.80; disbursements, 491.22; net profit 93.58. They have received during the past year $20,614.19; the disbursements for the year, $20,614.19; the indebtedness, $1,141.51; the improvements on building and water works for the year, $7,141; the salaries for the year, $4,063.45. The orphans have had a year

of good health. The year was begun with 183 and had through the year 245, ending with 210; sent out 35. Of these going out 12 went to their mothers by consent, 7 were sent home; 4 were found to be ineligible, 2 by having received a competency, 2 having friends able to provide for them; 3 girls obtained position in college, 8 boys were sent away for bad conduct and one ran away. So, brethren, this is the report I submit. May the good Lord bless the orphanage and those that support it, is my prayer.

R. H. JAMES.

Statement of Amounts Received and Disbursed for Associational Year Ending October 9th, 1901.

Collected for State Missions	$194 19	
Paid for State Missions		$173 60
Amount on hands		20 59
Collected for Home Missions	168 82	
Paid for Home Missions		155 51
Amount on hands		13 31
Collected for Foreign Missions	141 00	
Paid for Foreign Missions		126 15
Amount on hands		14 85
Collected for Ministerial Education	7 40	
Paid for Ministerial Education		5 92
Amount on hands		1 48
Collected for Ministeral Relief	30 08	
Paid for Ministeral Relief		22 19
Amount on hands		7 89
Collected for Orphanage	224 64	
Paid for Orphanage		221 27
Amount on hands		3 37
Collected for Wingate School	13 00	
Paid to Wingate School		13 00
Collected on Minute Fund	41 26	
Paid for Minute Fund		40 00
Amount on hands		1 26
Collected for Sunday School Missions	5 02	
Paid for Sunday School Missions		3 25
Amount on hands		1 77
Collected for Delegate to Southern Convention	16 21	
Paid to Delegate to Southern Convention		16 21
Collected on Volunteer Educational Fund	10 00	
Paid on Volunteer Educational Fund		10 00
Total amount collected	851 62	
Total amount paid out		787 10
Balance on hands		64 52

F B. ASHCRAFT, Treasurer.

PLEDGES.

Churches.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage
Antioch	$ 2 00	$ 2 00	$ 2 00	$ 2 00
Benton's X Roads	1 50	1 50	1 50	2 00
Bethel	2 00	2 00	2 00	3 00
Corinth	1 50	2 00	1 50	2 00
Deep Spring	1 50	2 00	1 50	2 00
Ebenezer	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Faulks	2 00	2 00	2 00	3 00
Hermon	15 00	5 00	12 00	7 00
Hopewell	6 00	2 00	3 00	5 00
Hamilton X Roads	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 70
Marshville	10 00	5 00	10 00	10 00
Macedonia	2 00	1 50	1 50	1 50
Meadow Branch	20 00	15 00	15 00	20 00
Mill Creek	4 00	4 00	2 00	4 00
Monroe 1st	43 20	43 20	57 60	36 00
Monroe 2nd	4 00	2 00	3 00	3 00
Mt. Pleasant	3 00	3 00	2 50	2 50
Mt. Harmony	4 00	3 00	4 00	5 00
Mt. Olive	4 00	3 00	2 00	5 00
New Salem	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Oak Grove	2 00	2 00	2 00	9 00
Pleasant Hill	1 50	1 50	1 50	2 00
Philadelphia	3 00	----	----	3 00
Sandy Ridge	2 00	2 00	2 00	9 00
Shiloh	2 00	2 00	2 00	3 00
Union (paid)	4 51	3 85	5 90	10 00
Waxhaw	15 00	10 00	7 00	10 00
Roanoke (paid)	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Total	$161 71	$125 55	$148 50	$163 70

Other pledges were made as follows: Orphanage Water Works, Hopewell $1.15, Union $2.74, total $3.89; Aged Ministers, Hopewell $1.00, Pleasant Hill $1.00, Union $3.13 (paid), total $5.13. New Hope, Olive Branch, Mountain Spring, New Home and Sardis made no pledges.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS	SUPERINTENDENTS		Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	Total	Lesson Helps	Total Expenses	Baptisms from Schools	Orphanage	Charity and Children Taken
Antioch	J. P. Hinson, Locust	N. C	5	30	35	40	$ 1 65			
Bentons X Roads	D. A. Simpson, Unionville	"	6	30	36	20	75			
Bethel	T. A. Marsh, Marshville	"	4	33	37	35	5 00	4		
Corinth	J. A. Helms, Monroe	"	7	66	73	258	6 00			
Ebenezer	J. D. Helms, Raywood	"	7	56	63	47	6 34			
Hermon	W. H. Helms, Walkup	"	5	35	40	50	4 00	1		
Faulks	J. W. Snider, Wingate	"	3	40	43					
Hopewell	R. Pope, Brief	"	3	44	47	45	4 00	6		
Hamiltons X Rds	M. L. Sinclair, Marshville	"	5	30	35	45	3 00	1		45
Marshville	J. C. Morgan, Marshville	"	6	100	106	140	15 00	12		
Macedonia	N. A. Funderburk, Monroe	"	6	39	45	35	2 75			
Mountain Spring	J. B. Mangum, Monroe*	"	7	37	44	37	2 25			
Meadow Branch	M. B. Dry, Wingate	"	11	149	160	220	20 07	10	$11 68	25
Monroe First	F. B. Ashcraft, Monroe	"	10	150	160	227	69 74	1	46 87	25
Monroe Second	D. A. Mauney Monroe	"	11	82	93	100	16 00	23		
Mt Pleasant	B. L. Goodwin, Monroe*	"	6	52	58	55	4 00		1 50	
Mt Harmony	P. A. Fisher, Matthews	"	6	54	60	90	8 49	1		7
Mt Olive	A. Lowery, Long Pine	"	6	30	36	40	2 65	5		
New Home	N. G Thomas, Polkton	"	5	75	80	50	3 20			
New Salem	Abram Helms, Monroe	"	8	75	83	45	5 82	8	1 00	
Olive Branch	J. W. Deese, Olive Branch	"	6	72	78	40	4 00			
Oak Grove	J. F. Gordon, Monroe	"	5	55	60	66	3 96			
Pleasant Hill	J. M. Bunningham, Olive Branch	"	7	54	61	90				
Philadelphia	J. L. Autrey, Brown Creek	"	5	51	56	30	3 57			
Roanoke	A. M. Price, Monroe	"	12	84	96	75	10 75	2		
Sandy Ridge	D. C. Montgomery, Monroe	"	7	60	67	40	3 25			
Sardis	W. B. Foard, Stout	"	5	60	65	40	1 50	8		
Shiloh	A. B Helms, Monroe	"	10	132	142	80	5 66	10		
Union	B. F. Parker, Lanes Creek	"	6	50	56	60	21 54	2		
Waxhaw	L. M. Riner, Waxhaw	"	8	75	83	90	83 20	10		
Totals,	* Rural Route No. 1.		198	1886	2009	2060	317 74	114	61 05	102

OTHER OBJECTS:—Meadow Branch, to State Missions, $2.79; Foreign Missions, $6.37; Home Missions, $7 75. Mt. Pleasant, to Sunday School Bible Fund, $1.50. Olive Branch, to Sunday School Missions, $1.17.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total Membership	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministers' Relief	Pastors Salary	Incidentals	Poor	Repairs	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Education	Church Expenses	Total	Value of Church Property	Centenial Fund	Orphanage Water Works	For Houses of Worship	Mills Memorial Building
Antioch	A. Marsh	J. D. Jenkins, Locust, N. C.	1		1	2	3	2	25	48	73	$ 2.00	$ 2.00	$ 2.00	$ 4.00	$	$	$ 4.00	$	$	$ 1.00	$	$	$	$ 15.00	$ 350	$	$	$	$
Benton X Roads	J. D. Gulledge	J. K. Trull, Raywood, N. C.	10		3	8	4		21	41	62	1.50	1.50	1.00	3.15		22.25			1 50	.75	4.00			35.65	200				
Bethel	J. A. Bivens	T. B. Ashcraft, Marshville, N. C.	6	3		2	1	1	23	29	52	5.37	4.15	2.98	3.38	1 26	35.00		11 72		1.10	12.05			93.13	350	15 00	70		
Corinth	W. S. Walters	T. A. Richardson, Monroe, N. C.	5	8	1				21	26	47		1.00	1.00	1.75		35.00	.50		13 50	1.10	3.50			59.60	300			2 00	
Deep Spring	A. Marsh	L. B. Phifer, Peachland, N. C.		2			2	1	28	50	78	2.00	1.00	2.00	3.00		25.00	3.10			.50				36.60	200				
Ebenezer	R. H. James	W. A. Chaney, Baucom, N. C.	9	5	2	32	2		41	56	97	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.25		41.00				1.10				51.35	500				
Faulks	J. A. Bivens	J. F. Moore, Faulks, N. C.	2	1	1	1		1	41	91	132	3.13	2.00	2.26	2.29	73	50.00	4.87	7 00		1.24				74.79	400	105 00	1 37		
Hermon	J. W. Little	L. W. Helms, Walkup, N. C.	1	2		2		1	40	50	90	15.00	5.00	12.00	7.00		75.00	2.00	10 00		.75	10.00			231.75					
Hopewell	D. A. Snider	W. L. Biggers, Longs Store, N. C.	10	3		7	1	1	70	94	164	6.00	2.00	3.00	3.00		70.00	2.32		55	2.11	17.97			106.95	700	Wingate School			
HamiltonX Roads	J. A. Bivens	S. E. Hamilton, Marshville, N. C.	1	2	1	6			18	27	45	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.70	1 00	30.00	6.00	5 00	5 00	1.00	5.00			66.45	300	15 00	1 15		
Marshville	A. Marsh	A. P. Phifer, Marshville, N. C.	15	7	2	19		2	72	151	223	10.00	8.00	6.00	8.89	1 80	100.00	10.00		2 00	2.00	25.75	1 48		179.47	1000				3 50
Macedonia	A. B. Caudle	A. F. Helms, Monroe †, N. C.	1	2		25	4		31	60	91	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.25	1 50	45.00		1 25		1.32				61.54	200				
Meadow Branch	Thomas Carrick	M. B. Dry, Wingate, N. C.	11	5		29	3	5	129	183	312	21.00	16.00	16.00	18.00	4 10	200.00		20 00		4.75				316.30	1200				10 00
Mill Creek	R. H. James	L. S. Helms, Unionville, N. C.	10	3		3	6	2	49	86	135	4.00		2.50	3.00						1.25	10.00			22.75	200				2 00
Monroe 1st	A. M. Croxton	H. E. Copple, Monroe, N. C.	13	18	1	10	2	4	96	170	266	50.00	81.00	51.00	57.46	10 00	600.00	125.35	22 01		3.50	69.32	154 40		1351.75	8000				
Monroe 2nd	W. S. Walters	J. E. G. Hancock, Monroe, N. C.	35	15		1	2	1	40	68	108	3.00	2.00	3.00	2.00		100.56	8.00		4 25	1.00	51.35			175.15	500	W. S.			
Mt. Pleasant	T. P. Little	G. W. Parker, Monroe †, N. C.	1	3	1	6			41	68	109	3.00	3.06	4.20	4.25		35.00	.85			1.20	3.65			54.92	300	1 50			
Mt. Harmony	A. B. Caudle	P. A. Fisher, Matthews, N. C.	1			18	6	3	35	62	97	4.00	3.00	4.00	5.00		100.00				1.09				136.00	500				1 50
Mt. Olive	C. L. Fowler	J. T. Collins, White Store, N. C.	11		1	4	17		26	44	70	4.00	3.00	2.00	5.00		75.00	17.20			1.10				127.30	1500	1 98			
Mountain Spring*	A. B. Caudle	A. D. Moore, Monroe †, N. C.							13	14	27	1.00									.67									
New Home	G. A. Huneycut	N. G. Thomas, Polkton, N. C.		6		1			13	25	38		.50	.62	1.25				1 00	15 00	.50				18.87	200				
New Hope	T. P. Little	*M. C. Austin, Negrohead, N. C.							14	42	56																			
New Salem	C. L. Fowler	A. C. Penegar, Monroe, N. C.	16	8	1	4		1	37	58	95	1.00	1.50	1.00	1.28		40.00	13.50			1.00				59.28	100				
Olive Branch	A. Marsh	Wilson Curran, Olive Branch, N. C.	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	80	109	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.25	1 00	50.00	.75			1.00	5.00			67.00	400				
Oak Grove	D. A. Snider	C. B. Gordon, Monroe, N. C.	7	4		5	3	1	40	66	106	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00		50.00	7.50	9 31		1.00				83.81	300				
Pleasant Hill	E. M. Brooks	B. M. Howard, Reuben, N. C.	5	4		3	2	1	39	68	107	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	1 00	25.00	7.60			.50				41.10	250				1 00
Philadelphia	D. A. Snider	J. T. Cox, Monroe †, N. C.	17	5	1	6	2		70	124	194	2.00	2.50	2.00	3.00		63.45			50 00	2.00	7.00			124.95	400				
Roanoke	R. H. James	J. M. Hill, Raywood, N. C.	2	6				1	15	17	32						20.00		3 00	2 50		8.25			33.75	250				
Sandy Ridge	D. A. Snider	D. C. Montgomery, Monroe, N. C.	2	1	2	3	6	1	54	80	134	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		50.00	10.00			.25				65.25	300				
Sardis	A. B. Caudle	O. V. Huneycut, Stout, N. C.	10	6					16	11	27	1.00						1.35			.30			25 00	27.65					
Shiloh	R. H. James	A. B. Helms, Monroe, N. C.	15		2	20	6	3	55	89	144	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.83		60.00			5 90	1.14	17.91			97.78	600				
Union	J. A. Bivens	W. A. Hamilton, Lanes Creek, N. C.	3			7	1	2	38	52	90	4.51	3.85	5.90	10.00	3 13	75.00	10.00	5 00	50 00	1.50	10.36			210.57	500	25 00	2 74		3 58
Waxhaw	J. W. Little	John H. Godfrey, Waxhaw, N. C.	16	1	3	2	3	3	90	143	233	10.00	10.00	5.03	10.00		100.00		40 00	158 00	1.40				314.40	1400				
Waxhaw King St.		* J. P. Garrison, Waxhaw, N. C.							15	18	33																			
		* Statistics from last year.																												
*New Church.		† Rural Route No. 1.	236	121	24	224	77	38	1385	2272	3657	174.51	171.05	147.59	186.98	25 32	2127.27	241.79	135 29	308 20	39.11	261.11	155 88	25 00	4146.36	21600	163 48	5 96	2 00	21 38

Waxhaw King Street Church has made no report two years.

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THURSDAY.

The Forty-Eighth annual session of the Union Baptist Association met with the old Waxhaw Baptist church Thursday, October the 9th, and continued in session till the following Saturday evening. Rev. Dr. A. M. Croxton, the appointee to preach the introductory sermon not arriving at the hour appointed, Rev. S. F. Conrod, traveling representative of the North Carolina Baptist, preached by request of Rev. A. Marsh, the appointed alternate. After dinner the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Dr. A. M. Croxton, and a temporary organization effected by the election of Dr. Croxton temporary Moderator and R. F. Beasley temporary Clerk. The roll of churches was called, the letters read, and messengers enrolled as follows:

Antioch—J. N. Hagler, J. H. Presson, Lonnie Green.

Benton's Cross Roads—J. K. Trull, J. S. Benton, Josiah Simpson.

Bethel—M. D. Tadlock, R. F. Krimminger, H. B. Moore.

Corinth—W. S. Walters, J. B. Price, U. V. King.

Deep Springs—C. C. Davis, J. W. High, Wm. Braswell.

Ebenezer—G. W. Baucom, J. E. Rowell, J. M. Hill.

Fairfield*—J. S. Williams, J. A. Kiser, J. H. Mills.

Faulks—S. J. Helms, A. M. Newsome, T. E. Bivens.

Herman—W. H. Helms, J. H. Deese, B. F. Baker.

Hopewell—J. C. Hough, I. R. Duncan, W. A. Faulk.

Hamilton's Cross Roads—M. L. Sinclair, W. F. Griffin, J. Baker Staton.

Macedonia—N. A. Funderburk, D. A. Outen, J. B. Mangum.

Marshville—H. G. Ashcraft, Baxter H. Griffin, J. E. Austin.

Meadow Branch—H. C. Moore, J. H. Williams, J. A. Williams.

Mill Creek—E. E. Braswell, L. S. Helms, T. A. J. Price.

Monroe 1st—J. H. Benton, Dr. J. W. Neal, R. F. Beasley.

Monroe 2nd—D. A. Mauney, Wm. Privett, B. B. Privett.

Mt. Harmony—J. E. Sistare, A. M. Newell, R. Gibson, J. O. Hall.

Mt. Pleasant—C. C. Parker, B. L. Goodwin, J. F. Byrd.

Mt. Olive—E. E. Leonard, A. Lowry, C. E. Rushing.

Mt. Springs—W. B. Griffin, J. C. Moore, A. D. Moore.
New Home—R. Atkinson, S. Stegall, John Williams.
New Hope—
New Salem—D. J. Helms, Vernon Long, John A. Helms.
Olive Branch—Wilson Curran, W. L. Parker, L. Sinclair.
Oak Grove—H. M. Keziah, R. S. Spittle, J. F. Gordon, Markus Austin.
Pleasant Hill—L. F. Austin, J. M. Birmingham, B. M. Howard.
Philadelphia—J. G. Gullege, H. C. Smith, M. L. Baker.
Roanoke—A. F. Hagler, A. M. Price, A. F. Fowler.
Sandy Ridge—G. J. Richardson, D. C. Montgomery, D. J. Melton.
Sardis—I. A. Hunnicutt, W. B. Foard, E. Presley.
Shiloh—F. M. Sutton, W. J. Sutton, N. R. Helms.
Union—J. P. Horn, J. F. Carelock, W. L. Thomas, H. F. Parker.
Waxhaw—H. J. McManus, J. S. Billue, W. M. Crow.
Waxhaw, King Street—J. W. Powell, W. S. King, A. J. Blythe.

On motion the temporary organization was made permanent and Bro. F. B. Ashcraft was re-elected Treasurer.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Order of Business—J. W. Bivens, A. Marsh, D. A. Snider.

On Religious Exercises—Pastors and Deacons of the Waxhaw church.

The committee on Order of Business recommended that the subject of Periodicals be at once taken up.

Rev. R. H. James moved that the speeches on all subjects be limited to ten minutes, except those by readers of reports, which might be fifteen minutes. The motion was carried.

Rev. S. F. Conrad, representing the North Carolina Baptist, Rev. J. S. Farmer, representing the Biblical Recorder, and Rev. J. F. Davis, of the Stanly Association, were welcomed to the privileges of the floor.

A letter was read from Fairfield, a newly constituted church in New Salem township, asking admission into the Association. A motion to receive was made and carried.

The subject of Periodicals was discussed by Rev. S. F. Conrad, Rev. J. S. Farmer and Rev. J. L. Bennett, and the

subject was continued till next day, and Rev. J. L. Bennett was appointed to make a report on it in the absence of the regular writer.

The Moderator appointed J. B. Mangum, O. M. Sanders and T. P. Little a committee on Finance.

The delegates were assigned to homes and the Association adjourned until the following day.

FRIDAY.

After devotional services by Rev. R. H. James at 9:30, the Association was called to order by the Moderator and the minutes of the preceding day were read, corrected and approved.

Rev. J. L. Bennett read the following report on

PERIODICALS.

Intelligent information is necessary to the development and growth of the churches in all the objects of the Master's kingdom. No people can be an aggressive people without proper information. The religious newspaper is an indispensible medium of information to the churches and a most potent agency for the dissemination of Bible doctrine and truth. We can most heartily recommend the Biblical Recorder, the long established organ of the Baptists of the State, the North Carolina Baptist, the Home and Foreign Journals, and Charity and Children—all as good, worthy papers representing important features of our work. J. L. BENNETT.

Rev. A. C. Davis spoke on the subject, and the committee on Order of Business made report.

Rev. A. Marsh, the appointed writer on the subject of Temperance, stated that he had asked Rev. S. F. Conrad to prepare a report, and the latter read his article as follows:

TEMPERANCE.

The cause of temperance has made great progress in the last several years. This is true of the churches and also of a general public sentiment. There are now only a few associations in the State which retain in their fellowship churches which allow their members to engage in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. The great damage to morals, character and business are of such frequent note that greater

protection is demanded for schools, churches and the home—and the frequent occurrence of crimes, suicides and untimely deaths has greatly aroused a feeling of aversion to the legalized sale of liquor. There are now forty-seven counties in the State in which its sale is not licensed. Much has been done through wholesome and judicious legislation. We therefore urge our people not to give their suffrages to men who are the friends of the liquor traffic, and to vote only for men of unquestioned morals and who stand for the protection of home, good government and good citizenship.

Several churches have sent in requests that this Association ask the county commissioners not to grant license for the sale of liquor. We therefore recommend that this Association adopt a preamble and resolutions looking to this end. We recommend that the following editorial from the Southern Christian Advocate be given a place in our minutes:

"The statement is frequently made that there is no harm in moderate drinking, and that a Christian may indulge to a certain extent without any detriment to his spirituality. We deny the assumption; it is utterly false. No Christian can live in communion with God and attain a high standard of piety who habitually indulges in strong drink, however moderately. It blunts a man's moral perceptions, impairs his moral convictions, obtunds sensitiveness of conscience, destroys all the finer sentiments of his better nature, drives all desire after holiness out of the heart, and expels from the soul that hungering and thirsting after righteousness which is ever the characteristic of the earnest and aspiring Christian. Besides, it neutralizes a Christian's influence for good. No one has any confidence in the religion of the drinking Christian (?). But more than that: the example of the moderate drinker is more pernicious than that of the confirmed drunkard who reels along the street and falls into the gutter. It is not the example of the sot, but the example of the moderate drinker, often a church member, that encourages boys and young men to drink. The professing Christian who indulges in moderate drinking is a stumbling block over which young men will at last fall into a drunkard's grave."

Rev. J. B. Boone, general manager of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville; Rev. Livingstone Johnson, corresponding secretary of the State Board of Missions; and Rev. A. D. Hunter, representing the Baptist University, were welcomed to the floor.

On motion the subject of the Orphanage was taken up,

and the report read by Rev. T. P. Little.

THE ORPHANAGE.

There are in the Orphanage 213 orphans. A new building is about completed that will make room for 40 more soon. There are now in the Orphanage 19 brick buildings and 3 wood buildings. The Mills memorial buildings are now running shops for shoes and for carpenter work, and we hope 'ere long that there will be other departments added. The entire plant is worth $50,000 and is constantly increasing. And yet we have not increased rapidly enough to meet the demands. The applications are always greater than our room to accommodate. Respectfully submitted, T. P. LITTLE.

Rev. J. B. Boone was given full time to speak regarding the work of the Orphanage, and following his remarks a cash collection was taken amounting to $16.32. The roll of churches was called and pledges made as follows for next year:

Antioch, $2.00; Benton's Cross Roads, $2.00; Bethel, $3.00; Corinth, $3.00; Deep Springs, no response; Ebenezer, no response; Faulks, $2.50; Herman, $7.00; Hopewell, $5.00; Hamilton's X Roads, $2.00 paid; Pleasant Hill, $2.00; Philadelphia, $4.00; Sandy Ridge, $2; Shiloh, $5; Union, $8.50 paid; Waxhaw, $20.00 and box $10.00; Roanoke, $2.25 paid; Mt. Springs, $2.00; Sardis, $2.00; Waxhaw, King street, no response; Fairfield, no response; Marshville, $10.00; Macedonia, $2.50; Meadow Branch, $20.00; Mill Creek, $4.00; Monroe 1st, $50.00; Monroe 2nd, $3.00; Mt. Pleasant, $3.00; Mt. Harmony, $5.00; Mt. Olive, $5.00; New Salem, $2.00; Oak Grove, $10.00.

Rev. R. H. James spoke on the subject and the report was adopted.

Rev. Jno. W. Snider read the following report on

AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.

"For ye have the poor always with you," said Jesus. This we understand to refer to the poor in general. If it is our Christian duty to care for all the poor of all classes, there certainly rests upon us double obligations to care for the worn-out, povery-stricken, aged and infirm gospel ministers who instead of spending their mental and physical powers in the accumulation of wealth, have spent them in preaching the gospel, in rescuing the lost from destruction, and the extension of Christ's kingdom on earth.

That this may be most effectually done, we have an Old

Ministers' Relief Board, whose duty it is to see that these are cared for. This board cannot furnish the means to provide for them, therefore it is our duty as churches and individuals to furnish this board with the necessary means.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. SNIDER.

After a discussion of the report by the writer and Rev. J. J. McLendon, it was adopted.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator:

Obituaries—I. A. Hunnicutt, W. M. Walters, J. J. Godfrey.

To Nominate Executive Board—J. A. Bivens, J. C. Hough, J. E. Sistare, J. R. James, E. G. Yarborough.

Request and Queries—W. J. Sutton, J. L. Bennett, J. F. Carelock.

The Association then adjourned for dinner.

After the reassembling in the afternoon, Rev. A. C. Davis read the report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Coupled with the command to go preach the gospel to all nations, was the one to teach them all things whatsoever He had commanded them. This commandment is just as important as the one to preach the gospel. Comparatively few feel it their business to preach, but every saved soul can help to teach the unsaved by word or example. There is no church work that is doing more to build up God's kingdom among men than the Sunday schools. Where it is faithfully performed it is the foundation work. To gather together the people in our churches, in school houses, or under brush arbors, or anywhere to study the word of God, is the noblest work the masses of Christians can engage in. Some speak of Robert Raikes as the founder of the Sunday school, but when we go back to the days of Christ we find that He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath to teach and to preach as he was accustomed to do. Can we not claim that these Bible schools were instituted by Christ himself? Then, as Christ is our leader, should we not go forward in this heaven-given work? Let every one who professes to follow Christ stand loyally by the work of teaching the scriptures to all people and thus extend the knowledge of our Lord and Master.

Respectfully submitted, A. C. DAVIS.

The writer discussed the subject and the report was adopted.

On motion the subject of State and Associational Missions was taken up, and the following report was read by Rev. J. L. Bennett in the absence of the writer:

STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Our State Mission Board has in the past accomplished great good in assisting weak points. We have about one hundred missionaries in our State work, employed in cities and towns and in the country, accomplishing a great work in promotion of the objects of our denomination. Let us liberally support State and Associational Missions, which are at the bottom of all progressive and intelligent work in the cause of Christ.

We recommend that help be given at once to King Street church at Waxhaw, which is now in great need. They have done nobly, but they are weak and in debt now and their house is incomplete. Let us not neglect to honor God with the first fruits of all our increase, that our barns may be filled with plenty, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver.

Respectfully submitted, J. C. MORGAN.

Unlimited time was given Rev. L. Johnson to discuss the subject of State Missions, and he made a very earnest address. At the conclusion of his talk he asked the members of the Association to ask him any questions, and a good many brethren accepted the invitation. The questions related to the management and work by the State Board, and served to bring out a great deal of information which was very satisfactory to the messengers present.

A cash collection of $2.97 was taken, and pledges were made by the churches as follows:

Antioch, $2.50; Benton's Cross Roads, $1.50; Bethel, $3.00; Corinth, $2.00; Deep Spring, no response; Meadow Branch, $20.00; Mill Creek, $4.00; Monroe 1st, $43.00; Monroe 2nd, $2.00; Mt. Pleasant, $2.00; Mt. Harmony, $4.00; Mt. Olive, $4.00; New Salem, $2.00; Oak Grove, $5.00; Pleasant Hill, $1.50; Philadelphia, $4.00; Sandy Ridge, $2.00; Shiloh, $2.50; Union, $4.13 paid; Waxhaw, $10.00; Waxhaw, King street, $1.00; Roanoke, $1.75; Sardis, no response; Fairfield, no response; Mt. Springs, no response; Ebenezer, no response Faulks, $2.00; Herman, $15.00; Hopewell, $6.00; Hamilton Cross Roads, $2.00 paid; Marshville, $10.00; Macedonia, $2.00·

The report was adopted, and J. W. Bivens read the following statement by the Trustees of

THE WINGATE SCHOOL.

We, the Trustees of Wingate School, beg to make the following report concerning the work and needs of our school:

First—The work of the school is being done by four experienced teachers, three being graduates of colleges, and all having had college training.

Second—During last session 231 students were enrolled from 16 counties. The enrollment for the present session to date (October 9th) is 177, representing 15 counties.

Third—The indebtedness which was reported last year has not been paid. This amount is about $80.00. We have paid out about $25.00 on the building since our last report.

Fourth—The immediate needs of the school are a coat of paint for the building, a few more desks, some additional books for the library, and a few good maps, globes, etc.

Fifth—If the school is to continue to grow in efficiency and to extend the limits of its patronage, not only must the teachers be competent, but the building must be furnished with modern conveniences and made comfortable and attractive.

Sixth—We need just now about $200.00 to pay off the indebtedness and to make the needed improvements. Will you not contribute this small amount toward the improvement of your property? We feel that it will be a good investment.

The term of office of the following Trustees expires with this session of the Association: J. E. Sistare, J. C. Sikes, O. M. Sanders, E. C. Williams, J. A. Bivens, J. W. Bivens.

The discussion of the subject was deferred till the following morning, and the Moderator announced the following committee to nominate Trustees for Wingate School:

T. P. Little, H. C. Moore, A. C. Davis, R. H. James, R. Pope.

The committee on nominating Executive Board recommended that the old members be re-elected. This recommendation was carried out, and the body adjourned until 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY.

The weather of this day was very bad and the attendance was necessarily small. After devotional exercises by Rev.

J. J. McLendon, the Association was called to order by the Moderator. J. H. Williams and J. E. Rowell were added to the committee on Requests and Queries.

The committee to nominate Trustees of the associational school at Wingate reported as follows, which report was adopted:

We, your committee, recommend the following six persons to fill the vacancies: O. M. Sanders, E. C. Williams, J. C. Sikes, J. A. Bivens, J. W. Bivens, J. E. Sistore.

A. C. Davis,
H. C. Moore, } Com.
R. H. James,

The Treasurer's report was read. This report appears elsewhere. Bro. J. W. Bivens announced that on account of bad weather the Executive Board was unable to meet, but that it would soon meet and complete its work.

The following delegates to the State Convention were appointed:

A. C. Davis, J. W. Little, J. W. Bivens, R. F. Beasley, A. Marsh, D. A. Snider, Jesse A. Williams, A. M. Croxton.

The subject of the Wingate School was then taken up, and Prof. Jesse A. Williams spoke, followed by Rev. A. C. Davis, Rev. R. H. James, Rev. J. A. Bivens and Bro. J. W. Bivens. The Trustees of the school were authorized to appoint one or more persons to canvass the denomination and raise the $200 asked for in the report. Prof. Williams, in the absence of Prof. Dry, read the report on

EDUCATION.

The subject of Education is an old and hackneyed theme. It has sounded in our ears from infancy, and yet its importance justifies its frequent repetition and enforcement. What except religion concerns us more in this life than the threefold development of mind, body and heart?

Education makes us better; if it were not so, the doors of school houses should close. Our denominational growth depends in no small degree upon what we do to educate ourselves. The denomination that takes its stand against enlightenment is doomed to extinction. In the matter of education, we should not be actuated by selfish motives. It is our duty not only to educate ourselves but to help educate others. This

is noble; it is Christ-like. To this end we should patronize, as far as we can, our denominational schools and contribute of our means to their upbuilding. M. B. DRY.

Rev. A. D. Hunter, representing the Baptist Female University, spoke at length concerning that school. The roll of churches was called to see what each would pay on the sum of $600 pledged by the Association's representatives at the last session of the State Convention, and the following amounts were promised, to be paid by December next:

Monroe church, $200; Meadow Branch, $100; Herman, O. M. Sanders, $1.10; Waxhaw, $25.00; Bethel, $5.00; Marshville, $10.00; Macedonia, $5.00; A. Marsh, Marshville, for Shiloh, Olive Branch, Mill Creek, Hamilton's Cross Roads, $25.00; Miles A. Bivens, $10.00 paid; Union, $15.00; Rev. A. C. Davis for Antioch, $5.00—total, $510.00.

The report on Education was adopted, and a recess of 45 minutes was taken.

The Association reassembling, the following report was read regarding

WOMAN'S WORK.

Every one will admit that woman has a work to do—a peculiar and distinctive work that harmonizes with the divine fitness of things. We cannot discuss every phase of it in this report, but there are three departments of woman's work that affect to a very great extent our growth as a religious denomination and the extension of Christ's kingdom among men.

First—The home, woman's kingdom, where lies her first and greatest duties. Jesus honored the home where Martha served, and Mary sat at his feet and learned. Paul says that they should "keep silence in the churches" and be "keepers at home." Read I Cor. 14: 34, 35; I Tim. 2: 9-12, and Tit. 2: 5.

Second—Local church work; helping in all matters pertaining to the church and contributing of her means to its support. Of the woman that annointed His feet with ointment, Jesus said: "She hath done what she could." A beautiful type of woman, sacrificing for the comfort and encouragement of God's ministers.

Third—Mission work. Of the widow that gave two mites He said: "She hath given more than they all." The true mission spirit. Great things have been accomplished in recent years by the woman's missionary societies of our Southern

Convention. They have done nobly. But only a few churches in our Association have these societies. Reports from these churches prove their helpfulness. Then why not every church avail itself of this auxiliary in the prosecution of its work?

In conclusion, let our pastors not be slow to recognize the helpfulness and encourage and utilize the consecrated efforts of the sisters; and let our churches encourage them in every way possible to honor the Master by their best efforts to serve Him as "keepers at home," "attendants upon the sanctuary," in "ministering to the necessities of the saints," and in their organized efforts for the spread of His gospel.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BIVENS.

The report was discussed and adopted, and the following reports were read:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The last command of our Saviour was that we should go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. This command was not for the waiting disciples alone, it was for every generation of Christians—it was for us. We now have 115 missionaries, besides about 175 native assistants in six countries—China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico and Brazil. The work of our missionaries has been blessed of God. During the last conventional year there were 1,439 baptisms. While some have the gospel preached to them, millions are groping in darkness and are going down to death. Have we the light of life and do we deny it to our dying brothers? Last year this Association gave less than $150 to Foreign Missions, less than 4 cents per member. Are we interested in their work? Let us discuss Foreign Missions oftener in our churches, and as we are able let us support this part of the Lord's work.

JESSE A. WILLIAMS.

HOME MISSIONS.

For convenience and effectiveness the denomination has divided its mission work into the various departments known as Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State and Associational Missions. The field of the Home Board comprises the Southern States and Territories and Cuba. The work is among the frontier settlements, in the mountain districts and among the foreign immigrants of the larger cities and among the negroes. The board is an organization of the Southern Baptist Convention, and its work is supplementary to the various State boards, and where such boards do not extend the whole work

depends upon the Home Board. The importance of this section of our work cannot be overestimated, and calls for the most earnest support of every Baptist.

R. F. BEASLEY.

After discussion the reports were adopted, and the following pledges made:

	HOME.	FOREIGN.
Antioch	$ 2.50	$ 2.50
Benton's Cross Roads	1.50	1.50
Bethel	3.00	3.00
Corinth	2.00	1.50
Deep Springs	2.00	1.50
Ebenezer	2.00	2.00
Faulks	2.00	2.00
Herman	5.00	12.00
Hopewell	2.00	3.00
Hamilton's Cross Roads	2.00*	2.00*
Marshville	5.00	10.00
Macedonia	1.50	1.50
Meadow Branch	15.00	15.00
Mill Creek	4.00	3.00
Monroe	43.20	57.60
" 2nd	2.00	3.00
Mt. Pleasant	2 00	3.00
Mt. Harmony	4.00	4.00
Mt. Olive	3.00	2.00
New Salem	1.00	1.00
Oak Grove	2.00	2.00
Pleasant Hill	1.50	1.50
Philadelphia	——	——
Sandy Ridge	2.00	2.00
Shiloh	2.00	2.00
Union	6.05*	10.32*
Waxhaw	10.00	5.00
Roanoke	1.45*	1.35*

* Paid.

Prof. J. R. Walker of the Waxhaw Institute was welcomed to the floor.

The committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

We respectfully report that 32 of our brethren and sisters have died during the past year, and we would extend the bereaved ones the Christian love and sympathy of the Association.

Adopted.

The committee on Requests and Queries reported as follows:

Bethel, Union and Faulks ask the Association to request the county commissioners not to grant license to any one to sell liquor.

Ebenezer, Herman and Olive Branch ask the prayers of the Association.

Mountain Springs asks for the same donation as last year.

Waxhaw, King Street, asks for $100 to help pay pastor's salary next year.

Oak Grove, Shiloh, Mt. Harmony, Philadelphia and Meadow Branch ask the Association to hold its next session with them.

Roanoke asks for $15.00 to supplement pastor's salary this year.

The report was adopted and the requests for help granted.

Philadelphia was decided upon as the next meeting place.

The writers for next session were announced.

Rev. R. H. James was elected to preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. A. Marsh alternate.

On motion the Association as a body requested the county commissioners not to grant license to any one to sell liquors, and the following committee was appointed to lay the request before the county commissioners: J. W. Bivens, A. M. Croxton, R. F. Beasley, R. H. James and A. C. Davis.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Association hereby thanks the members of the Waxhaw church and the people of the community for the kindness and hospitality shown the delegates and visitors to the Association.

The Clerk was instructed to have the minutes printed and distributed, and he was allowed the usual fee for so doing.

The Finance committee made the following report:

Cash in hand sent up by messengers as follows: State Missions, $80.12; Home Missions, $55.98; Foreign Missions, $61.08; Orphanage, $61.71; Ministers' Relief, $5.14; Minute Fund, $34.59; Education, $4.24—total, $302.86.

The Association then adjourned until the next annual session.

On Sunday Rev. A. C. Davis preached to a large congre-

gation from the following text: "Christ shall be magnified in my body whether it be by life or by death; for to me to live is Christ and to die is gain."

No preacher on earth can develop a people who do not read.—A. C. Davis.

I bless God that he put it into the hearts of some men to love the orphans. I love Jack Mills as I love no other man, because he was the father of the orphanage work in North Carolina.—R. H. James.

After two years of traveling over our State, I have been more impressed than ever with our possibilities.—L. Johnson.

It is no idle boast to say that the Baptists of North Carolina deserve more credit than anybody else for the educational awakening in the State.—L. Johnson.

North Carolina is going to be the Baptist Eden of the Southern Baptist Convention if we do our duty.—L. Johnson.

Opportunity coupled with ability is the measure of one's responsibility, and opportunity is God's call to duty.—Rev A. D. Hunter.

Bro. Bivens' report on women's work is the best report I ever read.—Rev. A. D. Hunter.

Statement of Amounts Received and Disbursed for Associational Year Ending October 9th, 1902.

Collected for State Missions	$184.77	
Paid for State Missions		$ 72.20
Amount on hands		112.57
Collected for Home Missions	207.48	
Paid for Home Missions		207.48
Collected for Foreign Missions	161.05	
Paid for Foreign Missions		161.05
Collected for Ministerial Education	2.17	
Paid for Ministerial Education		1.48
Amount on hands		.69
Collected for Aged Ministers' Relief	35.66	
Paid for Aged Ministers' Relief		35.66
Collected for Orphanage	140.77	
Paid for Orphanage		140.13
Amount on hands		.64
Collected on Minute Fund	40.79	
Paid on Minute Fund		40.00
Amount on hands		.79
Collected for Sunday School Missions	1.77	
Paid for Sunday School Missions		1.77
Collected on Bible Fund	1.00	
Amount on hands		1.00
Collected for Wingate School	31.53	
Paid for Wingate School		31.53
Collected for Baptist Female University	162.12	
Paid for Baptist Female University		149.00
Amount on hands		13.12
Total amount collected	969.11	
Total amount paid out		840.30
Amount on hands		128.81

F. B. ASHCRAFT, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total Membership	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministers' Relief	Pastor's Salary.	Incidentals	Poor	Repairs	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Total	Value of Church Property
Antioch	A. Marsh	Noah Williams,	2			2	1	2	22	48	70	$2 00	$ 2 00	$2 00	$2 00	$	$25 00	$	$	$	$ 95	$ 4 00	$ 37 95	$ 350
Benton's X Roads	J. G. Gulledge	J. K. Trull, Raywood, N. C.	1		1		2	1	21	38	59	1 50	1 50	1 50	2 90		22 50		1 04		75	4 80	36 49	200
Bethel	J. A. Bivens	M. H. Tadlock, Marshville, N. C.		3			1		25	28	53	3 33	3 33	3 35	2 66	1 50	47 50		5 00	2 00	1 25	5 55	72 97	400
Corinth	W. S. Walters	T. A. Richardson, Monroe, N. C.	3	7	2	1	2	2	26	27	53	1 50	2 00	1 50	2 00		45 00					5 85	58 25	300
Deep Springs	A. Marsh	L. B. Phifer, Peachland, N. C.	1	3		3	1		28	50	78	1 50	2 00	1 50	2 00		30 00				95		37 95	350
Ebenezer	D. A. Snider	G. W. Baucom, Baucom's, N. C.		2	3	2	5	3	37	59	96	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 10		30 00	10		75	1 03	5 00	54 85	200
Fairfield (new ch'rch)	A. Marsh	J. B. Bass, Richardson Creek, N. C.	4	29					11	22	33						8 00				60	4 10	362 70	350
Faulks	J. A. Bivens	A. M. Newsome, Marshville, N. C.	10	6	1	2			46	110	156	2 00	2 00	2 00	3 34	50	50 00	9 56		50	1 06	69	71 65	500
Hermon	J. W. Little	L. W. Helms, Waxhaw, N. C.	8			1	2		40	56	96	15 00	5 00	12 00	7 00		75 00	2 00	15 00		60		131 60	300
Hopewell	D. A. Snider	W. L. Biggers, Longs Store, N. C.	3			8	2		65	88	153	6 00	2 00	3 60	5 00		70 00	6 61			2 00	23 91	119 12	600
Hamilton's X Roads	T. P. Little	S. E. Hamilton, Marshville, N. C.	1	2		7			17	25	42	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	33 00	5 00	5 00	7 00	1 00	1 00	69 00	600
Marshville	G. O. Wilhoit	H. G. Ashcraft, Marshville, N. C.	13	7		9	21	4	69	104	173	11 55	5 00	10 00	10 00	1 44	100 00	7 27			2 00	19 64	167 00	1000
Macedonia	M. D. L. Preslar	A. L. Funderburk, Doster, N. C.	7	3		3	1		41	63	104	2 50	1 50	1 50	2 50	1 00	53 00			50	1 40		63 40	150
Meadow Branch	Thomas Carrick	M. B. Dry, Wingate, N. C.	14	9	1	25	1		126	184	310	20 00	20 00	20 00	23 38		200 00	27 25		13 00	3 78		326 36	1000
Mill Creek	R. H. James	L. B. Helms, Unionville, N. C.	3	1	1	9			48	80	128	4 00	4 00	2 00	4 00		31 00		60	6 50	1 00	6 00	59 10	200
Monroe 1st	Dr. A. M. Croxton	H. E. Copple, Monroe, N. C.	1	9		26	8		89	156	245	48 35	110 00	57 87	27 15	10 00	600 00	143 97	20 68	25 00	3 00	149 00	1195 02	8000
Monroe 2nd	R. H. James	J. S. Helms, Monroe, N. C.	3	6	1	17	50		16	23	39	4 00	2 00	3 00	3 00		46 18	15 90		5 50	1 00		80 58	600
Mt. Pleasant	M. D. L. Preslar	G. W. Parker, Monroe, N. C.	6	3	2	7	1		39	70	109	4 26	4 00	2 52	2 52		40 00	60	1 73		1 25		53 33	250
Mt. Harmony	D. A. Snider	T. A. Fisher, Matthews, N. C.	2	1			7	2	32	52	84	4 00	3 00	4 00	5 00		100 00				1 00		116 00	500
Mt. Olive	A. C. Davis	W. D. C. Gathings, White Store, N. C.		2	1	8		2	23	35	58	2 15	2 10	2 10	5 00						75			800
Mt. Spring	M. D. L. Preslar	A. D. Moore, Monroe R. R., N. C.	2			2			14	12	26	3 00					21 50				57		25 07	
New Home	T. P. Little	J. C. Williams,										1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00						50			
New Hope	Not Represented.																							
New Salem	S. R. Brock	A. C. Penegar, Monroe, N. C.				2		1	37	55	92	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		45 68	2 84			1 00		53 52	100
Olive Branch	A. Marsh	Wilson Curran, Olive Branch, N. C.	1		2	4	1		26	78	104	2 50	2 00	2 00	40	75		7 00	1 25	60	1 00	1 00		100
Oak Grove	J. L. Bennett	C. B. Gordon, Monroe, N. C.	6		3	6	8		34	54	88	2 00	2 00	2 00	9 00		50 00	6 70	10 90	2 00	1 00	4 59	85 70	300
Pleasant Hill	S. R. Brock	B. M. Howard, Euto, N. C.	11		3	4	1	2	35	72	107	1 50	1 50		1 05	1 00					50			250
Philadelphia	D. A. Snider	J. T. Cox, Brown Creek, N. C.	12	1		4	2		67	133	200	3 00	2 00	5 30	5 00		65 00	88	7 68		2 00		102 86	400
Union	J. A. Bivens	W. A. Hamilton, Lanes Creek, N. C.	2	5		4	1		39	49	88	4 13	6 03	10 32	8 55	2 39	60 00				1 40	36 85	129 67	500
Roanoke	J. G. Gulledge	M. A. Bivens, Monroe, N. C.	10	1		5			17	21	38	1 75	1 45	1 35	2 25		26 00	13 66	1 05		1 00	15 53	68 08	250
Sandy Ridge	J. L. Bennett	D. C. Montgomery, Waterloo, N. C.	1	1	3	1	12	1	54	70	124	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 62		50 00	8 00			30		64 02	200
Sardis	A. Marsh	O. V. Hunnicutt, Stout, N. C.							15	12	27	1 90	1 00	1 10	2 00		20 00				50		26 20	
Shiloh	A. Marsh	A. B. Helms, Monroe, N. C.	12	2	3	3	2	2	63	91	154	2 00	2 79	3 49	5 10		60 00	8 11	1 65	2 70	1 60		87 44	600
Waxhaw	W. Little	John H. Godfrey, Waxhaw, N. C.	21	1	4	8	9	2	97	143	240	2 60	10 35	3 55	6 23		78 00	2 25	7 69		1 00	19 94	130 89	1400
Waxhaw, King Street	J. L. Bennett	W. W. Black, Waxhaw, N. C.	2	3		6			14	17	31							28 50			50	20 00	49 00	600

Sunday School Statistics.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS	SUPERINTENDENTS		Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total	Average Attendance	Baptized from School	Lesson Helps Taken	Expenses
Bethel	F. A. Marsh,	Marshville, N. C.	3	20	23	15		35	$ 4 00
Corinth	J. A. Helms,	Monroe, "	6	49	55	33	2	144	4 39
Ebenezer	G. W. Baucom,	Baucom's, "	7	75	82	37		52	3 30
Faulks	A. M. Newsome,	Marshville, "	4	50	54	38		65	4 50
Hermon	L. W. Helms,	Waxhaw, "	5	25	30	20		30	3 00
Hopewell	W. L. Biggers,	Long's Store, "	4	45	49	30	3	50	3 25
Hamilton's X Roads	M. L. Sinclair,	Marshville, "	5	45	50	35	1	45	3 00
Marshville	J. C. Morgan,	Marshville, "	7	75	82	45	3	125	12 28
Macedonia	N. A. Funderburk,	Monroe, "	6	47	53	36	4	48	1 90
Meadow Branch	J. W. Bivens,	Wingate, "	11	175	186	102	13	225	19 28
Monroe 1st	F. B. Ashcraft,	Monroe, "	12	150	162	90	1	100	45 04
Monroe 2nd	J. S. Helms,	Monroe, "	8	88	96	55	2	140	20 00
Mt. Pleasant	B. L. Goodwin,	Monroe R. F. D. "	5	50	55	38		45	3 12
Mt. Harmony	P. A. Fisher,	Matthews, "	5	50	55		2	85	11 50
Mt. Olive	R. D. Redfearn,	White Store, "	4	30	34			15	
Mt. Spring	J. R. Hair,	Minroe R. F. D. "	4	25	29	20		30	2 04
New Salem	Abram Helms,	Monroe, "	8	45	53	30		45	8 00
Olive Branch	J. W. Dees,	Olive Branch, "	5	60	65	35		30	4 00
Oak Grove	J. B. Underwood,	Monroe, "	5	50	55	30	3	30	2 00
Pleasant Hill	H. G. Bryant,	Reuben, "	4	35	39		4	80	2 00
Roanoke	A. M. Price,	Monroe, "	8	56	64	45	7	47	7 91
Sandy Ridge	D. C. Montgomery,	Waterloo, "	6	70	76	51		160	3 50
Sardis	I. A. Hunnicutt,	Stout, "	6	50	56	35		35	4 50
Shiloh	A. B. Helms,	Monroe, "	10	55	65	33	6	64	6 00
Union	W. L. Thomas,	Lanes Creek, "	7	50	57	35		260	8 12
Waxhaw	L. M. Riner,	Waxhaw, "	12	90	102	68	4	130	12 20
Waxhaw, King Street	J. T. Black,	Waxhaw, "	5	45	50	20		65	3 20

NOTE—Only Meadow Branch and Monroe report copies of Charity and Children taken. Antioch, Benton's X Roads, Deep Springs, Fairfield, Mill Creek, New Hope and Philadelphia make no report on Sunday Schools.

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Dr. A. M. Croxton, Monroe, N. C., Moderator.
R. F. Beasley, Monroe, N. C., Clerk.

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WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION:

Foreign Missions, ---------- H. C. Moore
State Missions, ---------- J. B. Mangum
Home Missions, ---------- M. B. Dry
Orphanage, ---------- Dr. J. W. Neal
Education, ---------- B. W. Baker
Periodicals, ---------- D. A. Snider
Aged Minister's Relief, ---------- A. Marsh
Temperance, ---------- A. C. Davis
Woman's Work, ---------- F. B. Ashcraft
Sunday Schools, ---------- H. G. Ashcraft

Place for next meeting—Philadelphia.

To preach introductory sermon, Rev. R. H. James; alternate, Rev. A. Marsh.

Union Baptist Association.

Session of 1903.

RECORD OF BUSINESS

OF THE

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INTRODUCTORY.

The Forty-ninth Annual Session of the Union Baptist Association met with the church at Philadelphia on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 8th, 9th and 10th. It was one of the best sessions in the history of the body. The delegates attended well, and the good and hospitable people of Lanes Creek, the location of Philadelphia, left nothing to be desired in the way of entertainment. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. R. H. James, on the subject of "Holding Fast to that Which We Have." There were a number of good speeches, and zeal in the work ran high; so high, indeed, that the Association took a decided step forward and resolved to support a missionary on the foreign field.

The Transaction of Business.

On Thursday afternoon, October 8th, the Association was called to order by Rev. R. H. James, and was organized by the nomination and election of Rev. W. F. Watson as temporary moderator and Prof. J. E. Dowd as temporary clerk. The letters from the churches were read and the following delegates enrolled:

Antioch—M. S. Baucom, J. F. Haigler, J. P. Hinson.
Bethel—J. T. Leonard, W. F. Morgan, E. E. Huggins.
Corinth—J. A. Helms, J. S. Spittle, G. A. Richardson.
Ebenezer—J. E. Powell, W. T. Baucom, J. M. Hasty.
Faulks—W. P. Pierce, J. W. Edwards, Marshall Bennett.
Herman—O. M. Sanders, J. N. Bigham, H. D. Dees.
Hopewell—R. Pope, W. A, Austin, T. L. Price, Jesse Hough.
Macedonia—J. W. Hilton, A. L. Funderburk, Ransom Outen.
Marshville—A. Phifer, Prof. J. E. Dowd, James Caudle.
Meadow Branch—T. B. Liles, M. B. Dry, J. M. Austin.
Monroe—J. C. Sikes, F. B. Ashcraft, R. F. Beasley.
North Monroe—W. Privett, W. S. Brantly, Jas. S. Helms.
Mt. Pleasant—Mark Preslar, J. E. Funderburk, J. F. Byrd.
Mt. Springs—Rufus Collins, J. R. Hair, A. D. Moore.
New Home—Sam Stegall, J. J. Williams, Z. T. Traywick.
New Salem—W. H. Long, J. A. Helms.
Oak Grove—J. M. King, J. T. Thomas, C. B. Gordon.
Pleasant Hill—L. F. Austin, John Birmingham, J. M. Birmingham.
Philadelphia—J. E. King, S. Smith, J. G. Gullege.
Roanoke—A. F. Fowler, J. T. Helms, Miles N. Bivens.
Sandy Ridge—J. A. Melton, D. C. Montgomery, G. J. Richardson.
Shiloh—Marion Presley, J. F. Griffin, B. H. Benton.
Union—J. P. Horn, E. R. Snider, J. T. Trull.
Waxhaw—J. R. James, J. J. Godfrey, L. M. Rivers.
Waxhaw, King Street—W. S. King, A. J. Blythe, J. W. Powell.
Hamilton's Cross Roads—R. A. Hamilton, M. L. Sinclair, A. P. Williams.

Mill Creek—T. F. James, J. W. Braswell, J. C. Baucom.
Mt. Harmony—J. E. Sustare, P. A. Fisher, W. D. Sherrin.
Sardis—Raymond Helms, I. A. Hunnicutt.

The delegates being enrolled, the permanent organization was made by the election of Rev. W. F. Watson as moderator, R. F. Beasley as clerk, and F. B. Ashcraft as treasurer. Rev. J. A. Bivens was elected to serve as vice moderator.

Rev. J. S. Farmer, representing the Biblical Recorder, and Rev. S. F. Conrad, for the North Carolina Baptist, were introduced to the Association.

Rev. R. H. James, Rev. T. P. Little and Bro. J. F. Moore were appointed a committee on order of business, and the pastor and deacons of the Philadelphia church were appointed a committee on religious exercises.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Prof. J. E. Dowd conducted devotional exercises at 9:30, and at 10 o'clock the Moderator called the association to order. The minutes of the previous day were read, corrected, and approved.

The churches not represented on the previous day were called, and the following ones presented letters and their delegates were enrolled:

Mt. Olive—A. E. Rushing, E. E. Leonard, C. H. Rivers.
Fairfield—G. W. Williams, T. C. Griffin, F. C. Gardner.
Olive Branch—W. L. Parker, E. T. Baucom, J. W. Pritchard.
Benton's Cross Roads—J. L. Benton, W. H. Trull, J. K. Trull.
Deep Springs—C. C. Davis, J. D. High, L. B. Phifer.

The Moderator read the following list of

COMMITTEES.

On Order of Business—R. H. James, T. P. Little, J. F. Moore.
Religious Exercises—Pastors and Deacons of Philadelphia church.
Finance—M. B. Dry, J. E. Dowd, T. B. Liles.
Obituaries—J. A. Bivens, D. C. Montgomery, J. G. Gullege.
To Nominate Executive Board—J. L. Bennett, J. P. Horn, P. A. Fisher.
Request and Queries—D. A. Snider, M. C. King, T. F. James.

The committee on order of business reported a program,

which was adopted, foreign missions being the first subject for the day. On motion this subject was deferred for the time being, and the subject of periodicals was taken up, it having been given no place on the program. The report was read as follows:

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

When we think of our one hundred and seventy-three thousand white Baptists in North Carolina and know that two-thirds of this number are not enlisted in the work, we are led to look for the cause. Obviously, it is lack of the proper information. Baptists will not contribute their time nor money to any cause until they see the need and worthiness of such a cause. We therefore recommend to every home the Biblical Recorder, the organ of our State convention. It has ever stood for our organized work and has done a noble work for the Baptist cause. The Recorder is now stronger and in a better position to serve the Baptists than ever before in its history. We urge every Baptist to take and read his church paper. The North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field, and the literature of our Sunday School Board are also very worthy and will be found helpful to our people.

Respectfully submitted, D. A. SNIDER.

The subject was discussed by Rev. J. S. Farmer, Rev. S. F. Conrad, Rev. G. O. Wilhoit and Prof. J. E. Dowd, all of whom urged that every Baptist should take some piece or pieces of denominational literature.

The subject of State missions was taken up, and Bro. J. B. Mangum, the appointed writer, stated that he had prepared no report. The subject was discussed by several speakers, and Bro. J. W. Bivens was requested to prepare a report, which he did, and handed in later, as follows:

STATE MISSIONS.

State missions is that part of our work that endeavors to "preach the gospel to every creature" in our own State. Associational missions is that part of State missions that is done in the borders of our own Association—simply preaching the gospel to the destitute at our own doors. Much has been accomplished in the past through our State Board, under the leadership of such men as Ray, Durham, White and Johnson, but the work is not finished. The fields are still "white unto harvest." The work

of our State Board is increased year by year, but the fields are widening. There is a natural increase of population in the destitute sections. Cotton mill and factory communities springing up all over our State, and each constituting a mission field, appeal to us for greater efforts and increased contributions. In our own Association there are destitute sections and weak churches struggling for existence which appeal to us for aid. May we see the needs and meet with the gospel the conditions that are upon us. Respectfully submitted, J. W. Bivens.

The roll of churches was called and the following amounts pledged for the next year's contributions:

Antioch, $2; Benton's Cross Roads, $1.50; Bethel, $3; Corinth, $3; Ebeneezer, $2; Faulks, $2.50; Herman, $15; Hopewell, $6; Hamilton's Cross Roads, $2 (paid); Macedonia, $2; Marshville, $5; Meadow Branch, $25; Mill Creek, $4; Monroe, $45; North Monroe, $3; Mt. Harmony, $4.50; Mt. Pleasant, $3; Mt. Olive, $2; Mt. Springs, $1; New Salem, $1; Oak Grove, $2; Pleasant Hill, $2; Philadelphia, $4; Roanoke, $1.85 (paid); Sandy Ridge, $2; Shiloh, $2; Union, $10 (paid); Waxhaw, $5; King Street, Waxhaw, $3.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Prof. W. R. Stewart of the Wingate School was requested to sing a solo, which he did, to the very great pleasure of the congregation.

Dr. J. W. Neal, the appointed writer on the subject of the Orphanage, being absent, the following report, which was made to the Tar River Association, was read:

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

Eighteen years ago last January J. H. Mills, as general manager, took charge of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage. In November of that year the first orphan was received. These years of glorious history amply vindicate the venture of those who founded the institution in the face of strong and surprising opposition. During this time about eight hundred orphans have been received within her walls. More than five hundred have gone out and two hundred and sixty are there now being cared for. Some who have gone out found pleasant homes early, but the majority remained the allotted time, receiving all the training and education the Orphanage could give. Many of the boys have found good business positions, thus taking a fair stand in the ranks of busy men.

The Orphanage has seven dormitories. Four of these have

kitchens built separate from themselves; but in the near future one central kitchen and dining room will take their place. Of these dormitories two are nurseries for the smaller children, one for boys and one for girls. Each of these has its own kitchen and play-room attached. In all there are nineteen brick buildings on the grounds—the Printing Office, Chapel, Infirmary, Central Building and Mills Memorial Building (machine shops) are included in this number. The Central Building is used for school purposes and for all gatherings. We also have a home for the general manager and one for the treasurer, who is also superintendent of the farm. The farm contains about three hundred and fifty acres of land with the usual farm buildings, stock and machinery. A system of water works is being put in which will add greatly to the health and convenience of the institution. No small part of the equipment is Charity and Children, one of our brightest papers, with a job department prepared to do excellent work. The entire Orphanage plant, up to date, has cost between fifty and sixty thousand dollars. This does not include recent legacies.

The first thing the Orphanage undertakes to do is to furnish, as nearly as possible, what the child has lost, a home: to give him warm clothes and good food, and to convince him that he is not alone in the world. The strong hand of the general manager, the motherly care of Mrs. Boone, and the constant attention of the seven matrons and seven teachers, all cultured and refined women, supply what has been lost as far as it can be supplied. The school advantages are especially fine. Mr. Boone, who organized the first graded school in the State, in Charlotte, has here one of the best graded schools in the State. The farm, machine shops, shoe shop and printing office furnish splendid advantages for the boys to learn how to work at profitable trades. And the girls learn to make and care for their own clothes, and have experience with usual household duties. Any bright girl can get a first grade certificate to teach school after having taken advantage of the Orphanage school. The best Sunday school and church advantages are given them, and there is hardly a better little church in the State than the Orphanage church.

We have been praying for more buildings. They are here. Mr. J. C. Whitty of Newbern is erecting a building in honor of his daughter. The walls are already up. Two others will go up in the near future, one by Mr. E. F. Aydlett of Elizabeth City, and the other by the Chowan Association. These, with the improvements on the Mitchell and Watson buildings, will increase the capacity to four hundred. This calls for an increase of con-

tributions of about one hundred per cent. above that of last year. And it is to be borne in mind that the legacies of Simmons and Faircloth do not go to the current expenses. The door of opportunity stands wide, inviting the whole denomination to go in and meet the demand. There are between ten and twelve thousand orphans in North Carolina who ought to be in orphan homes. One-half of these appeal to the Baptists for help. There are in all the orphanages less than one thousand children. One cared for, where are the nine? The management of the Orphanage is on the principle that the people's money is a sacred trust. The cost this year for feeding, clothing, doctoring and teaching an orphan is $4.84. Take from this $3,000 made by the farm and Charity and Children and the cost is about $3.50. We urge the taking of Charity and Children by our Sunday schools. It is $1 per single copy, 60 cents in clubs of ten or more. We further urge that the Sunday schools set apart one Sunday in each month for making a contribution to the Orphanage, and that they set for themselves a definite amount to raise. It is more easily raised and the amount will grow. Many schools have started with $5 a month and have gone on to $20 and $25, and have raised it as easily as the smaller amounts. When all the churches and Sunday schools together reach out to help no destitute child will be turned away. N. Biggs.

After being warmly and enthusiastically discussed by S. F. Conrad, R. H. James, J. S. Farmer and J. W. Bivens, the report was adopted. Pledges were taken as follows:

Antioch, $1.50; Benton's Cross Roads, $2; Bethel, $3; Corinth, $5; Ebenezer, $2.50; Jas. Spittle, $2; Fairfield, 0; Faulks, $3; Herman, $5; Hopewell, $5; Hamilton's Cross Roads, $2 (paid); Macedonia, $3; Marshville, $10; Meadow Branch, $20; Mill Creek, $4; Monroe, $75; Monroe, 2nd, $4; Mt. Harmony, $10; Mt. Pleasant, $4; Mt. Olive, $5; Mt. Springs, $1; New Home, $1; New Salem, $2; Olive Branch, 0; Oak Grove, $6; Pleasant Hill, $2; Philadelphia, $5; Roanoke, $3 (paid); Sandy Ridge, $2; Sardis, 0; Shiloh, $5; Union, $12 (paid); Waxhaw, $5; Waxhaw, King street, $5.

A cash collection was taken, which amounted to $11.10. While the collection was being taken Bro. Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children, came in and received a warm welcome. He was called on and made a splendid speech on the Orphanage, which brought that institution still nearer, if possible, to the hearts of the people present.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. M. D. L. Preslar lead in prayer. Prof. J. E. Dowd offered the following report on Education, the appointed writer, Bro. B. W. Baker, being absent:

EDUCATION.

Realizing the necessity of denominational schools, we urge the patronage to the greatest extent within their power of Wake Forest College, the Baptist University, and the Wingate School, within their respective spheres, by our people. But, realizing further that a great majority of our boys and girls who are to make up the future membership of our churches may not have the opportunity of attending either of these, we impress upon every member of every Baptist church in the association the necessity of patronizing to the fullest extent the public schools of the county, and to use their influence in every direction for encouraging and strengthening these schools and in getting those who now stay at home to attend. J. E. DOWD.

Speeches were made by the writer, J. S. Farmer and R. F. Beasley. The latter urged upon the people not only the attendance upon the denominational schools and colleges, but the earnest support of the free public schools as the handmaid of christian intelligence and progress.

Rev. A. Marsh, the appointed writer on the subject of the relief of aged ministers, being absent on account of sickness, the subject was taken up for discussion and Rev. J. L. Bennett asked to hand in a report later. Rev. G. O. Wilhoit, A. Johnson, R. H. James and J. L. Bennett made speeches. The report was handed in as follows:

AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.

Dear brethren and sisters, let us remember and show our great appreciation of the worthy but old and disabled ministers by cheering their hearts and supplying their wants in old age, that in their last days and hours they may have evidences of abiding love and esteem of their brethren in the fellowship of the spirit. Let us take a collection for them and double our contributions for this grand object. J. L. BENNETT.

The treasurer, F. B. Ashcraft, made his annual report as follows, which was adopted:

Statement of Amounts Received and Disbursed for Associational Year Ending October 7th, 1903.

Collected for State Missions	$288.00	
Paid for State Missions		$190.00
Amount on hand		98.00
Collected for Home Missions	131.39	
Paid for Home Missions		128.39
Amount on hand		3 00
Collected for Foreign Missions	184.82	
Paid for Foreign Missions		184.82
Collected for Aged Ministers	31.00	
Paid to Aged Ministers		31.00
Collected for Ministerial Education	32.49	
Paid for Ministerial Education		32.49
Collected on Minute Fund	38.98	
Paid to Clerk		10.00
Paid for Minutes		28.98
Collected for Southern Bible Society	6.73	
Paid to Southern Bible Society		6.73
Collected for Orphanage	225.39	
Paid to Orphanage		224.39
Amount on hand		1.00
Collected for Baptist Female University	102.12	
Paid to Baptist Female University		102.12
Collected for Messenger to Southern Convention	28.60	
Paid R. F. Beasley, for postage		.75
Paid J. G. Gullege		18.00
Amount on hand		9.85
Total amount collected	1,069.52	
Total amount paid out		957.67
Total amount on hand		$111.00

F. B. ASHCRAFT, Treasurer.

DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the State Convention, which meets in Charlotte: G. O. Wilhoit, J. L. Bennett, R. H. James, O. M. Sanders, W. R. Stewart, J. W. Bivens, W. F. Watson, M. B. Dry.

Rev. M. D. L. Preslar was appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, next May, and the Clerk was instructed to apportion the expense of his trip among the churches

and make the collection. Rev. W. F. Watson was appointed alternate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

REQUEST AND QUERIES.

The committee on Request and Queries made the following report, and it was adopted:

The churches at Waxhaw, Fairfield, Union and Oak Grove ask the prayers of the Association.

The churches at Shiloh, Macedonia, Meadow Branch and Mt. Harmony ask that the next session of the Association be held with them.

Mt. Springs asks for $25 for pastor's salary; King Street, Waxhaw, for $50 for pastor's salary; Roanoke, $20 for pastor's salary; Sardis for $100 for building house of worship; North Monroe, $25 for pastor's salary.

On motion the rules were suspended and the vote on place for next meeting was taken by acclamation. This resulted in Mt. Harmony being selected, by a vote of 48 to nothing.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The committee to nominate on executive board reported that they had nominated the following brethren, and on motion these were elected: J. W. Bivens, O. M. Sanders, F. B. Ashcraft, R. F. Beasley, J. A. Bivens.

Rev. W. F. Watson was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the next session, and Rev. G. O. Wilhoit alternate.

On motion the subject of foreign missions was substituted for the sermon set for 11 o'clock on Saturday.

The report on woman's work was read as follows:

WOMAN'S WORK.

Woman's work is of vital importance. She can be, as she often is, the means of impelling the husband, father and brother to good words and works, and to higher and nobler living. Educated christian women wield an untold power for good in the home, in the Sunday school as teachers, and in many ways she can be an inspiration to those with whom she comes in contact by encouraging them in liberal giving, loyalty to the religion they profess and to their church, and last but not least, upright christian beings before God and man. It is her privilege and prerogative, with the sympathy and co-operation of the husband,

to make attractive and inviting homes where good influences and pleasant recollections will abide always with those who go out from that home. It is often through her influence that the family altar is established, where God's word is read and prayer ascends daily to a loving, heavenly father. She can exercise a great influence against the liquor evil by creating sentiment against it and never putting the wine cup to her brother's lips.

F. B. ASHCRAFT.

Bro. A. Johnson and Rev. J. A. Bennett discussed the subject and the report was adopted.

The following report was adopted on

OBITUARIES.

We, the committee on obituaries, find, after examining the letters from the churches, that twenty-four of our brethren and sisters have died during the past year. We recommend that the sympathy of the Association be extended to the bereaved families and commend them to seek consolation in our Christian faith in a blessed hereafter. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BIVENS,
D. C. MONTGOMERY,
J. G. GULLEGE.

SATURDAY.

Prof. M. B. Dry conducted prayer service at 9:30, and at ten o'clock the Moderator called the association to order, and the subject of Sunday Schools was taken up. Rev. J. S. Farmer, Rev. J. L. Bennett and Prof. J. E. Dowd made short speeches.

Some time remaining before the hour for the next subject, miscellaneous business was taken up. The New Hope church not having been represented at the Association for some time, a committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. M. D. L. Preslar, J. L. Bennett and D. A. Snider, was appointed to investigate the condition of the church and report at the next session of the association.

On motion of Bro. J. F. Moore, the subject of Temperance was set for 2 to 2:30, and Rev. J. L. Bennett asked to make report on it.

The hour for the discussion of Foreign Missions having arrived, the following report was read :

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We believe that there are no nonessentials in the commands of Christ. We believe it to be the imperative duty of every Christian to do to the utmost of our ability what we can in carrying out every command that He has given. As Baptists are children of light, knowing no master save Christ and no authority save His divine truth, there rests upon us double obligations in the dissemination of His word and the proclamation of His truth. Recognizing the authority of Christ to command and direct, the Baptists of the South have been doing foreign mission work in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico and Brazil. On these fields we have 117 missionaries, with about 180 native assistants. The stamp of God's approval is resting upon our work, and many hundreds of souls are being saved annually. While this is true, the great masses of people in these countries have never heard the story of Jesus and his love. Shall we withhold from them the light of life which brings so much comfort and cheer to our own hearts?

We believe that the time has come when emphasis ought to be placed on the great doctrine of missions. We further believe that the time has come when the Union Association ought to support one missionary in the foreign field, and to this end we beg our people to work and pray. M. D. L. PRESLAR.

Then began a discussion of the subject, which aroused a great wave of enthusiasm. Earnest speeches were made by Rev. M. D. L. Preslar, who suggested that the Union Association ought to take upon itself the support of a missionary on the foreign field; Rev. A. C. Baker, Rev. W. F. Watson, Rev. J. S. Farmer, Rev. J. L. Bennett, Rev. J. G. Gullege, R. Pope, J. P. Horn, V. T. Chears, and Rev. D. A. Snider and perhaps others. The idea of the Association supporting a missionary was received with great favor as the discussion proceeded, and at its conclusion, Bro. V. T. Chears made a motion that the association undertake to do this. The motion was carried unanimously. On this resolution pledges were taken as follows:

Antioch, $2.50; Benton's Cross Roads, $3.00; Bethel, $9; Corinth, $5; Deep Springs, 0; Ebeneezer, $5; Faulks, $5; Herman, $15; Hopewell, $6; Hamilton's Cross Roads, $2; Marshville, $20; Macedonia, $5; Meadow Branch, $60; Mill Creek, $5; Monroe, $200; Monroe, second, $9; Mt. Pleasant, $8; Mt. Springs, $3; Mt. Harmony, $10; Mt. Olive, $6; New Salem, $2; Oak

Grove, $6; Pleasant Hill, $4.50; Sandy Ridge, $2; Philadelphia, $10; Shiloh, $6; Union, $25; Waxhaw, $15; Waxhaw, King street, $5; Roanoke, $7.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. G. O. Wilhoit lead in prayer. Prof. M. B. Dry read, as follows, the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Broadly speaking, the field of our Home Mission Board lies within our homeland. The territory embraces every Southern State, including Indian Territory, Oklahoma Territory and Cuba. The field is vast enough almost to appall attempts towards its evangelization. Here are currents of population, industrial problems, social conditions, destitution of educational and religious advantages that appeal to us in the strongest terms for liberal contributions to this great work.

The four most important departments of the Home Mission Board's work are (1) co-operation with State boards in support of State missions. For the past thirty years this has been the most emphasized feature of the home board. In this particular it has done for Southern Baptists a work of vast proportions. (2) The factory populations. There are several millions of these and they are our own people. They have come mostly from country churches. Their conditions are peculiar and their needs are great. (3) The mountain region. Here is a territory seven hundred and fifty miles long and two hundred and fifty miles wide, containing a population of two millions, in the main far behind their surroundings educationally and in missionary development. Some progress is being made in this section. Already fifteen mountain schools have been fostered by the board, and six of these are in our own State. (4) The frontier work. Here the settlers are mostly from the South. Their sympathies are Southern. Their conditions are unsettled, and much of the Baptist life is unhealthy and turbulent. The Home Board is the main dependence of organization and unity. "The hope of the southwestern country," says one of our missionaries there," is the Home Mission Board." M. B. DRY.

The report was adopted and pledges for next year were made as follows:

Antioch, $1.50; Benton's Cross Roads, $1.50; Bethel, $3; Corinth, $1; Ebeneezer, $2; Faulks, $2; Herman, $3; Hopewell, $2; Hamilton's Cross Roads, $2; Macedonia, $2; Marshville,

$10; Meadow Branch, $10; Mill Creek, $4; Monroe, $45; Monroe, second, $2; Mt. Harmony, $4; Mt. Pleasant, $2.50; Mt. Olive, $3; Oak Grove, $2; Philadelphia, $4.10 (paid); Roanoke, $1.63 (paid); Shiloh, $2; Union, $5.32 (paid); Waxhaw, $2; Waxhaw, King street, $2.

The report on temperance was read as follows:

TEMPERANCE.

We are glad to know that temperance has made great progress and achieved great victories in the last few years. The great damage to morals, character and all the best interests of humanity is such that all Christians and all people that would honor God and bless humanity should rise up and organize themselves to drive out once for all the cursed, soul-destroying and home-robbing traffic. We should rejoice that this county has taken the lead so far in this great movement. But let us not be content and sit down carelessly, but press on with courage to final victory. We hereby endorse what has already been done for the betterment of our county. J. L. BENNETT.

The writer on the subject made a short speech, and then called on Bro. O. C. Curlee, who responded with a most earnest and interesting speech. The report was adopted.

The committee on religious exercises reported that on Sunday, at 10 o'clock, there would be a Sunday school mass meeting; sermon at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. F. Watson, and at 2 o'clock sermon by Rev. G. O. Wilhoit.

The following report was read on

THE WINGATE SCHOOL.

We, the trustees of the Wingate School, beg leave to submit our seventh annual report.

We are glad to report that this department of your work, under the blessings of God, is still attended with success and increasing patronage. The total enrollment of students last session was 250. That of the present session to date is 189, against 177 to same date last year. Eighty of this number are boarding students. Prof. Dry is still ably assisted by Prof. Jesse A. Williams and Miss Annie Harrell. Prof. W. R. Stewart has charge of the department of music and has a good class. Since last report the school building has been given a coat of paint, and much of the interior remodeled and improved and also painted. Twenty-one new folding desks have recently been added. The

total cost of this work is $140; total amount collected, $141.66; outstanding debt from last year, $74.37, none of which has been paid. We have just bought a new piano for $150. We hope to pay for this on the installment plan by rent of instrument.

We congratulate the churches of this association, the owners of this school, upon the fact that this institution, which is doing so much for the education and moral training of our young people, is costing them so little.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BIVENS,
Chm. Board of Trustees.

After being discussed briefly the report was adopted.

Bro. J. W. Bivens made the following partial report on

WORK OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your executive committee, beg leave to report that we appropriated for mission work done in our association during the year 1902, the following amounts, viz:

To R. H. James, at Monroe, second church	$ 50.00
To A. Marsh, at Fairfield	25.00
To J. G. Gullege, at Roanoke	15.00
To S. R. Brock, at New Salem	10.00
To M. D. L. Preslar, at Mountain Spring	25.00
Total	$125.00

The report was adopted.

The finance committee made the following report:

AMOUNTS RECEIVED.

We, your committee on finance, beg leave to submit the following report:

Cash sent from the various churches is as follows:

State Missions	$ 64.29
Foreign Missions	59.84
Home Missions	46.29
Orphanage	66.13
Minute Fund	37.46
Ministerial Relief	11.96
Houses of Worship	1.00
Sunday School Missions	.25
Total	$287.12

M. B. DRY,
J. E. DOWD,
T. B. LILES,
Committee.

P. S.—The contributions from Deep Springs came into the Treasurer's hands later, and were as follows: Foreign Missions, $2.75; Orphanage, $3; Minute Fund, 75c.—CLERK.

Rev. J. S. Farmer made a motion, which was carried unani-

mously, that the thanks of the delegates and visitors be extended to the people of the community for their generous hospitality and entertainment.

Bro. J. W. Bivens made a motion that any brother who might attend any sister association should act as a messenger from this association. Carried.

The Clerk was instructed to have the usual number of minutes printed and distributed, and he was allowed the usual compensation for so doing. The Treasurer was instructed to pay out the money in his hands for the several objects for which it was contributed.

On motion the Association adjourned.

Officers of the Association.

Rev. W. F. Watson, Monroe, N. C. Moderator.
R. F. Beasley, Monroe, N. C., Clerk.

Executive Board—J. W. Bivens, Wingate, N. C., Chairman; F. B. Ashcraft, O. M. Sanders, R. F. Beasley, J. A. Bivens.

Trustees of Wingate School—J. W. Bivens, Thos. E. Williams, I. A. Clontz, O. M. Sanders, J. A. Bivens, B. F. Parker, J. C. Sikes, A. Rushing, E. C. Williams, J. B. Mangum, J. F. Gordon, J. L. Bennett, J. E. Sistare, F. M. Sutton, R. H. James.

Writers for Next Session.

Foreign Missions	Rev. G. O. Wilhoit.	Periodicials	R. F. Beasley.
State Missions	J. W. Bivens.	Aged Ministers' Relief,	Rev. J. L. Bennett.
Home Missions	Rev. T. P. Little.	Temperance	Rev. R. H. James.
Orphanage	D. C. Montgomery.	Woman's Work	Prof. F. B. Fowler.
Education	Prof. J. E. Dowd.	Sunday Schools	Rev. M. D. L. Preslar.

Place for Next Meeting—Mt. Harmony (near Matthews).

To Preach Introductory Sermon—Rev. W. F. Watson; Alternate, Rev. G. O. Wilhoit.

Note—The moderator of the association informs the clerk that Rev. L. W. Pierce has been assigned to the association for support in accordance with the resolution to support a missionary on the foreign field. He is at Yang Chow, China.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total Membership	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministers' Relief	Pastor's Salary	Incidentals	Poor	Repairs	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Total Contributions	Value of Church Property
Antioch		J. F. Hagler					6		18	27	45	$ 2 00	$ 77	$ 1 20	$	$	$ 20 75	$	$	$	$ 92	$	$ 25 64	$
Benton's X Roads	R. H. James	J. B. Benton R. F. D. No. 2*		1	2	3			21	38	59	1 50	1 50	1 50	2 00		25 00				72	3 39	35 61	200
Bethel	J. A. Bivens	M. H. Tadlock Marshville				2	2		23	29	52	3 15	3 00	3 00	3 02	2 24	50 00	16 90	3 00		1 25	5 00	91 16	500
Corinth	J. G. Gullege	T. A. Richardson Monroe	5	4		4	1		30	36	66	2 00	2 00	1 50	3 30		35 00				1 00	3 25	48 05	300
Deep Springs	T. P. Little	W. A. Conder Peachland	6	4			1		30	54	84			2 75	3 00		40 00				75		46 50	500
Ebeneezer	R. H. James	G. W. Baucom R. F. D. No. 6*	1	2		3	2	1	34	54	88	1 80	2 85	2 05	2 65		40 00	75			1 00		51 10	300
Fairfield	A. Marsh	J. B. Bass R. F. D. No. 3*		6				1	13	25	38	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		20 00	75			60		27 65	350
Faulks	J. A. Bivens	J. F. Moore Faulks	7		1	3		3	45	107	152	1 98	2 02	2 00	2 53	1 07	60 25	10 88	2 05	3 25	1 17	5 50	92 60	500
Hamilton's X Roads	A. Marsh	S. E. Hamilton Marshville	16	7		1	1	1	24	38	62	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		35 00	9 00	6 00	18 65	1 00	2 00		600
Herman	W. F. Little	L. W. Helms R. F. D. No. 2†		1		5		1	35	52	87	15 00	3 25	8 00	5 00	1 25	65 00	4 00	25 00			50	103 70	300
Hopewell	J. F. Davis	W. L. Biggers Longs Store	9	1		5	2	2	64	91	155	6 11	2 00	3 00	5 00	1 38	100 00	17 64			2 00	2 00	137 88	600
Marshville	G. O. Wilhoit	B. H. Griffin R. F. D. No. 2‡	5	12		12	1		80	130	210	15 00	6 15	15 00	10 91	2 82	135 00	45 14	50 00	300 00	3 00	8 98	594 50	1300
Macedonia	J. A. Bivens	A. L. Funderburk, R.F.D. No. 1*	6	1		3			42	55	97	2 60	1 75	2 65	2 50	1 40	45 00			4 39	1 25	10 60	72 14	489
Meadow Branch	G. O. Wilhoit	Jesse A. Williams Wingate	25	6		23	11	2	122	179	301	20 00	15 00	15 00	18 45	7 64	150 00	3 25	19 60	16 40	3 30	155 84	444 48	1000
Mill Creek	A. Marsh	L. S. Helms R. F. D. No. 2*	10		1	4	1		51	87	138	4 05	4 47	4 22	5 50					75	1 25	13 70	33 94	150
Monroe	W. F. Watson	H. E. Copple Monroe	2	18	1	14	13	1	84	147	231	43 00	117 22	72 80	41 05	13 00	733 00	162 65	12 23		3 50	20 25	1307 20	8000
Mt. Pleasnt	D. A. Snider	G. W. Parker R. F. D. No. 1*	5	2		2	2		40	72	112	2 80	2 45	3 00	3 00		60 85	53	1 40		1 35	8 98	84 43	250
Mt. Olive	A. C. Baker	W. D. C. Gathings, R.F.D. No. 1†	2	2		1	1		26	39	65	4 00	3 00	5 11	7 48		60 00				1 00		80 59	1000
Mt. Harmony	J. F. Davis	P. A. Fisher Matthews	34	8	7	1	2	5	55	79	134	4 00	4 00	4 00	5 00		100 00	40 00	5 00		1 30		163 30	500
Mt. Spring	D. A. Snider	A. D. Moore R. F. D. No. 1*	6	2					19	16	35	1 72			2 00		24 00						28 12	
New Salem	R. H. James	J. A. Bivens Monroe						8	26	55	81		1 00	1 00	3 00		50 00	25 00			1 00		81 00	125
New Home	T. P. Little	J. J. Williams Polkton	2		1	2	1		13	23	36			2 00	2 50						68		5 18	
North Monroe	D. A. Snider	J. S. Helms Monroe	9	5	35	3			27	47	74	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00		31 00	22 20		17 00	1 00		81 20	550
Oak Grove	J. L. Bennett	C. B. Gordon Monroe	10	1	2	11	1	1	41	56	97	2 00	2 00	2 00	10 00		50 00		3 00		75	8 31	77 75	300
Olive Branch	A. Marsh	Wilson Curran Olive Branch	7		3	3			20	33	112	3 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00		13 87	8 00	70	75	16	34 24	350
Philadelphia	D. A. Snider	M. L. Baker R. F. D. No. 1*	7	5	1	3	10	1	75	123	198	4 00	4 10	2 00	7 68	2 00	66 50	51 15	8 57	56 07	2 15	11 60	169 76	500
Pleasant Hill	S. R. Brock	H. G. Bryant Reuben	16	2	1	3			42	80	122	2 00	1 50	1 50	2 00		30 00	2 00			50		43 00	400
Roanoke	J. G. Gullege	E. W. Price Monroe	5	2	1	4	2		19	21	40	1 85	1 63	2 00	3 15		24 60	1 10			75		41 33	250
Sandy Ridge	D. A. Snider	D. C. Montgomery, R.F D. No. 4*	4		1	3		1	52	73	125	2 00		1 33	2 00		50 00	10 00			45		68 78	490
Sardis	A. Marsh	O. V. Hunnicutt, R. F. D. No. 6*	1	2			1		15	14	29						20 00				50		20 50	150
Shiloh	A. Marsh	A. B. Helms R. F. D. No. 6*	14	1	2	13	6	1	63	86	149	2 00	3 20	2 85	5 00		60 00		3 80		1 75	16 36	94 96	600
Union	J. A. Bivens	W. A. Hamilton, R. F. D. No. 1*	5						41	54	95	6 00	5 32	7 37	11 55	2 83	75 00		15 00	85 00	1 50	18 10	227 58	700
Waxhaw	J. L. Bennett	W. M. Crow Waxhaw	2	1	4	6	82		59	79	138	3 50	4 25	2 50	14 06	2 25	100 00	5 00	10 00		1 50	6 65	159 71	1200
Waxhaw King St.	J. L. Bennett	J. P. Garrison Waxhaw	5	6		2			18	22	40	1 00					75 00			257 78	95	1 00	334 78	800

*Monroe. †Waxhaw. ‡Marshville.

Addenda.

Published by request of the Pastors.

The Association passed a resolution to support a missionary on the foreign field. To do this requires $600 per year. At the time the Association passed the resolution, the pledges were taken from the various churches, but these did not amount to enough. It therefore became necessary for the pastors of the Association to meet and devise a way for making up the deficiency, which amounted to $128.

The pastors therefore met at Meadow Branch October 21st and apportioned this deficiency to the several churches, with the earnest request that each church try to raise the amount assigned it next year:

	Association Pledges.	Addition made by Pastors.
Antioch	$ 2.50	$ 1.50
Benton's Cross Roads	3.00	——
Bethel	9.00	1.00
Corinth	5.00	——
Deep Springs	——	4.00
Ebeneezer	5.00	1.00
Faulks	6.00	4.00
Herman	15.00	5.00
Hopewell	6.00	4.00
Hamilton's Cross Roads	2.00	3.00
Marshville	20.00	20.00
Macedonia	5.00	2.00
Meadow Branch	60.00	5.00
Mill Creek	5.00	6.50
Monroe	200.00	——
Monroe, second	9.00	——
Mt. Pleasant	8.00	——
Mt. Springs	3.00	——
Mt. Harmony	10.00	5.00
Mt. Olive	6.00	——
New Salem	2 00	——
Oak Grove	6.00	1.00
Pleasant Hill	4.50	——
Sandy Ridge	2.00	2.00
Philadelphia	10.00	——
Shiloh	6.00	6.50
Union	25.00	5.00
Waxhaw	15.00	——
Waxhaw, King street	5.00	1.00
Roanoke	1.00	5.00
New Home	1.00	——
Olive Branch	——	4.00
Sardis	——	2.00
Totals	$457.00	$88.50

INDIVIDUAL.

W. F. Watson	$ 30.00
Prof. W. R. Stewart	4.50
J. F. Davis	5.00
J. L. Bennett	5.00
M. D. L. Preslar	5.00
D. A. Snider	5.00
Total	$ 54.50

Grand total—$600.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS	SUPERINTENDENTS	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total	Average Attendance	Baptized from School	Lesson Helps Taken	Expenses
Antioch						20		30	$ 4 70
Benton's X Roads	M. A. Helms	1	4	23	27	18			2 64
Bethel	R. F. Krimminger and F. A. Marsh	2	9	60	69	45		75	6 00
Corinth	J. A. Helms	1	5	71	76	43		190	5 08
Faulks	A. M. Newsom	1	5	60	65	40		45	6 00
Hamilton's X Roads	M. L. Sinclair	1	4	60	64	40	8	55	2 50
Hopewell	W. L. Biggers	1	5	69	74	41	6	60	2 80
Marshville	J. C. Morgan	1	6	85	91	45	4	130	18 00
Macedonia	J. B. Mangum	1	6	66	72	41	3	50	3 25
Meadow Branch	J. W. Bivens and W. E. L. Williams	2	11	180	191	130	15	253	26 56
Mill Creek	T. F. James	1	7	60	67	34		60	3 59
Monroe	F. B. Ashcraft	1	12	150	162	95		125	52 55
Mt. Pleasnt	B. L. Goodwin	1	6	47	53	33	1	40	3 24
Mt. Olive	A. E. Rushing	1	6	30	36	24		40	5 00
Mt. Harmony	J. E Sustare	1	5	60	65	30	14	90	11 21
Mt. Spring	J. R. Haire	1	5	34	39	30		34	2 30
New Salem	J. L. Griffin	1	6	40	46	25		50	3 24
North Monroe	J. L. Price	1	7	113	120	60	9	100	26 50
Oak Grove	W. K. Rape	1	5	36	41	25	2	28	1 68
Phi.adelphia	M. C. King	1	6	60	67	40	4	30	4 00
Pleasant Hill	S. R. Brock	1	6	50	56	40	5	45	4 00
Roanoke	A. M. Price	1	7	40	47	35	1	35	6 20
Sandy Ridge	D. C. Montgomery	1	6	60	66	45		160	4 00
Sardis	Raymond Helms	1	8	65	73	40	1	54	2 84
Shiloh	A. B. Helms	1	10	67	77	33	9	70	5 50
Union	W. L. Thomas	1	8	45	53	37	4	280	5 80
Waxhaw	J. W. Starnes	1	7	50	57	39		72	12 13
Waxhaw King St.	J. T. Black	1	7	58	65	30		80	7 50

NOTE—Six churches report no schools.

The Union Baptist Association.

Session
of
1904.

Proceedings of the Union Baptist Association.

The Union Baptist Association met in its 50th annual sessions, with the Mt. Harmony church, on Thursday, October 6th, 1904, and continued in session three days. The introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. F. Watson, who urged the association to go forward in every line of its work.

After the noon recess devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. M. D. L. Preslar, after which the association was called to order by the moderator of the previous session, Rev. W. F. Watson.

Jas. H. Williams and M. D. L. Preslar were appointed reading clerks.

The letters from the several churches were presented and read. The following messengers were found to have been named:

Antioch—J. A. Helms, J. H. Presson, J. W. Love; alternate, R. H. Hinson.

Benton's Cross Roads—J. S. Simpson, J. L. Benton, J. K. Trull.

Bethel—S. D. Moore, V. A. Ashcraft, F. A. Marsh; M. H. Tadlock, alternate.

Corinth—R. S. Spittle, T. A. Richardson, Arthur Spittle.

Deep Springs—M. F. Phifer, J. D. High, W. M. Wright; alternates, Lonnie Phifer, C. C. Davis, L. B. Phifer.

Ebeneezer—J. E. Rowell, W. T. Baucom, J. M. High; J. F. Price, alternate.

Fairfield—L. S. Williams, J. L. Williams, T. C. Griffin; alternates, J. R. Stewart, J. A. Kizer, L. C. Gardner.

Faulks—D. A. Snider, J. F. Moore, H. K. Helms; alternates, J. E. Bennett, Cyrus Trull.

Hamilton's Cross Roads—W. F. Griffin, J. S. Tarlton, W. M. Mullis; alternate, M. L. Sinclair.

Hopewell—R. Pope, N. G. Hough, J. B. Beckham; W. H. Austin, alternate.

Marshville—J. E. Dowd, W. E. Collins, G. M. Little; alternates, J. W. Little, Henry Bass, J. T. Bass.

Macedonia—N. A. Funderburk, C. E. B. Parker, Marvin Mangum, Laney Parker.

Meadow Branch—J. W. Bivens, H. C. Moore, Rufus Williams; alternates, M. B. Dry, T. B. Liles, Ira Mullis.

Mill Creek—J. M. Braswell, W. J. Tomberlin, J. W. Richardson; alternates, Pierce Sell, Worley Griffin.

Monroe—Jas. H. Williams, F. B. Ashcraft, R. F. Beasley; alternates, A. W. Biggers, J. H. Benton, B. W. Baker.

Mt. Pleasant—G. W. Parker, M. L. Davis, J. E. Funderburk; B. L. Goodwin, alternate.

Mount Olive—C. H. Rivers, A. K. Watts, A. E. Rushing; alternates, Boyce Rushing, D. A. Lowery, H. H. Redfearn.

Mount Harmony—J. E. Sustar, T. B. Howard, A. R. Helms; alternates, C. W. Query, J. T. Moser.

Mountain Spring—Sam Collins, R. W. Hair, W. Dees; alternates, J. D. Hendrick, A. D. Moore.

New Salem—O. R. Long, D. J. Helms, W. H. Long.

New Home—Z. P. Traywick, J. F. Little, Robert Atkinson; alternates, H. W. Little, J. A. Thomas, Dan'l Segall.

New Hope—M. C. Austin, Atlas Tarlton.

Oak Grove—M. L. Austin, Charlie Underwood, O. H. Gordon; alternate, W. F. Alexander.

Olive Branch—G. W. Simpson, T. L. Gaddy, Wilson Curran, E. L. Baucom, A. F. Baucom; alternate, J. M. Bivens.

Philadelphia—V. T. Chears, J. L. Autrey, M. C. King; alternate, C. C. Allen.

Pleasant Hill—R. H. James, H. G. Bryant, Vann Smith.

Roanoke—A. F. Fowler, A. B. Helms, A. F. Hagler; alternate, B. A. Price.

Sandy Ridge—D. C. Montgomery, G. J. Richardson, W. S. Brantley; alternate, C. C. Broom.

Sardis—Raymond Helms, I. A. Hunnicutt, Reece Helms.

Shiloh—A. B. Helms, N. R. Helms, M. A. Polk; alternate, J. S. Harkey.

Union—T. L. Parker, H. F. Parker, H. M. Baucom, C. C. Rowell.

Waxhaw—J. J. Godfrey, John H. Godfrey, L. M.

Riner; alternates, J. W. Starnes, T. N. Sims, J. W. Newell.

Waxhaw, King Street—J. W. Rowell, J. R. Eason.

At this time it was found that all the churches except Hermon were represented by letter.

On motion of Rev. J. A. Bivens, the rules were suspended and Rev. W. F. Watson was elected moderator by acclamation. R. F. Beasley was elected clerk by acclamation, and the Moderator was unanimously instructed to cast the vote of the association for F. B. Ashcraft for treasurer.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Order of Business—J. W. Bivens, J. E. Sustar and A. Marsh.

Finance—V. T. Chears, Jas. H. Williams, M. D. L. Preslar.

Requests and Queries—Rev. J. F. Davis, W. G. Long, J. L. Autrey.

Obituaries—A. Marsh, T. P. Little, R. Pope.

Pending the report of the committee on order of business, the following brethren were welcomed to the association:

Rev. Hight C. Moore, Sunday school secretary of the State convention, and also representing Rev. Livingston Johnson, secretary of the State Mission Board.

J. S. Farmer, representing the Biblical Recorder.

Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children, representing the Orphanage.

S. F. Conrad, representing the North Carolina Baptist.

The committee on order of business made partial report as follows:

Thursday afternoon—Periodicals.

Friday morning—9:30, devotional exercise; 10, State Missions; 11, Orphanage; 12:30, adjourn for dinner.

The report on Periodicals was read as follows:

Periodicals.

Believing in the immense power of the printed page and in the religious newspaper as a potent factor for the enlightenment, unification, concentration, and upbuilding of moral and spiritual forces, your committee would heartily commend the following periodicals:

THE BAPTIST MESSENGER, our excellent associational monthly, is published in Monroe at 25 cents a year. It now has a BONA-FIDE list of 700 subscribers. It contains information and stimulus regarding the work in our own bounds and is worthy of a place in every Baptist home in the county.

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER, for more than seventy years the efficient organ of the North Carolina Baptists, was never more ably edited than today. It covers all parts of our State convention work, and is the great medium of news and views of our State-wide brotherhood. It is a sixteen-page weekly, published in Raleigh at $1.50 per year (special rate of $1 to ministers and needy widows). The weekly circulation is now nearly 10,000. It is worthy of more than twice that number and must have it to supply anything like the real need of the denomination.

CHARITY AND CHILDREN is published every week in the interest of our Orphanage at Thomasville. It is one of the brightest and best papers in all the land, is a distinct factor in the journalism of the State, and has more than 9,000 subscribers. Price $1 per year, or 60 cents each in clubs of ten or more to one address.

THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST, published weekly at Fayetteville for $1 per year, is also worthy of the patronage and support of the people.

THE FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL is a monthly missionary magazine, devoted to the foreign mission interests of the Southern Baptist convention. It is published in Richmond, Va., at 35 cents a year.

OUR HOME FIELD is the organ of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist convention. It is an eight-page monthly, published at Atlanta, Ga. Price 10 cents a year.

The periodicals and other literature of the Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn., are heartily commended to our Sunday schools and churches.

R. F. BEASLEY.

The subject was discussed by the writer, followed by A. Johnson, J. S. Farmer, S. F. Conrad and W. F. Watson, and the report was adopted.

The Moderator announced as a committee on relig-

ious exercises, the pastor and deacons of Mt. Harmony church.

Rev. J. F. Davis made some welcoming remarks and the delegates were assigned to homes.

FRIDAY.

At 9:30 Rev. A. Marsh conducted devotional exercises, after which the moderator called the association to order. The Clerk being absent, J. W. Bivens was asked to perform the duties of that office temporarily. The minutes of the preceding day were read, corrected and approved.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

To nominate executive board: M. C. King, J. W. Rowell, S. R. Brock.

To nominate trustees of Wingate School: Jas. H. Williams, D. A. Snider, T. P. Little.

State Missions being the special order for the hour, the following report was read by the writer:

State Missions.

State Missions is that part of our denominational work that endeavors to "preach the gospel to every creature" in our own State. It includes work done in destitute sections, and the aiding of weak churches in the Union association. The policy of our State convention this year in this department of our work is "enlargement." The work was laid out and is now being carried forward on a basis of $30,000—an increase of $5,000 over that of last year. Up to September 28th, $7,633.23 of this amount had been collected. The increase in our State's population, the development of her resources, and the enlargement of each of the other departments of our work, with State missions underlying them all, made this increase necessary. The era of prosperity now upon us, the like of which we have never before known, and the wealth that comes to our denomination by reason thereof, makes it easily possible. Now, if "ability is the measure of responsibility," we can readily see how it is incumbent upon us to do more for the spread of the gospel than we have ever done before.

May we be enabled to see the necessity of the work and rise to the full measure of God's requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BIVENS.

The subject was most earnestly discussed by Rev. Hight C. Moore, the special representative of Rev. L. Johnson, secretary of the State Mission Board. The roll of churches was called and pledges taken for next year, and the report adopted.

The report on the Orphanage was sent in by the writer and read as follows:

The Orphanage.

Organized in 1885 at Thomasville, N. C. Designed to care for the helpless orphan children of the State, and to this end a great work has been done; still we have fallen far short of the pressing needs that are before us, as there is within the borders of North Carolina anywhere from ten to fifteen thousand orphans, and not more than one thousand cared for in all the various institutions of similar character. About one-half of all these children are supposed to be of Baptist parentage: hence the greater necessity for extended work in this line.

We have now under the care of our Orphanage about three hundred children. It is true that material progress is on foot there, "lengthening their cords and strengthening their stakes"; but just now a great and pressing need is felt because of an epidemic of typhoid fever. To this call the executive committees of the Orphanage have responded, and decided to establish sewerage system for the protection of the inmates of our home; and we feel like saying just here, that whatsoever our splendid denomination shall undertake will be accomplished.

So let the watchword be, "onward and upward" to a higher state of excellence for the protection of the Orphanage.

We are glad to note that Mr. Dennis Simmons of North Carolina has bequeathed $1000,000 to the Orphanage, the influence of which will be felt by unborn children.

The Noah Richardson library building, which is to be erected in the near future and filled with valuable books, will be a great auxiliary to the Orphanage, and will stand there as a living monument to our glorious institution. D. C. MONTGOMERY.

Bro. Archibald Johnson of the Orphanage made a most excellent address, fixing more firmly than ever the orphanage in the hearts of our people. The report was adopted, and a cash collection of $21.11 was taken, after which the several churches made pledges for next year.

After the usual noon recess, the association reassembled at 1:30. Rev. J. L. Bennett offered prayer.

The letter from Hermon, which had not arrived at the opening of the session, was read.

The trustees of Wingate School made report, and pending motion to adopt it, was discussed by J. W. Bivens, W. F. Watson, J. F. Davis and others, after which it was adopted as follows:

Wingate School.

The Board of Trustees of Wingate School beg leave to submit the following report:

1. It is with just pride that we note the continued success and substantial growth of our associational school at Wingate. The enrollment of last session was 292—the largest in the history of the school, representing fifteen counties in this State and South Carolina. The present session will probably exceed that number.

2. During the past year the society halls have been furnished at a cost of about $150.00. This amount was raised by subscription among the members of the societies and the friends of the school.

3. The indebtedness reported last year has not been paid. This amount at present is $81.28, but does not include the balance due on the piano purchased about one year ago.

4. The greatest need of the school at present is a dormitory to accommodate its increasing boarding patronage. A dormitory properly managed ought to attract a class of students that we do not now get, besides being a great aid to the maintainance of discipline in the school. We ask the association to take up the matter at this session.

5. The term of office of the following trustees expires at this session: B. F. Parker, J. B. Mangum, F. M. Sutton, R. H. James and J. E. Sustar.

V. T. Chears moves that the association take up the matter of building a dormitory at Wingate. The motion is carried and the messengers and pastors are requested to carry the matter to their churches and urge them to help in the matter, and report through The Baptist Messenger in January, 1905, the result of their efforts.

The writer reads his report on Home Missions, which is adopted after discussion, and the pledges, as follows:

Home Missions.

Broadly speaking, the field of our Home Mission Board lies within our home land; the territory embraces every Southern State.

During the last century the Baptists of the South have been entrusted by God with four great missionary opportunities at their very doors: the Indians, the Negroes, Texas and the Southwest, and the Island of Cuba. These, in addition to our own home land and people, constitute our heritage from Almighty God. The home mission work is as important as the great commission given us by the Master: we are to witness in Jerusalem and Samaria as well as to the uttermost parts of the earth. Let us properly emphasize home and State work in order that we may obey Jesus's command. Besides, it is important that we grow at home, for if our principles are worth anything they are good for our neighbors, and by means of the work on the home field the base of supplies for foreign missions is being strengthened. Let us give, then, the proper emphasis to the work of our Home Mission Board. T. P. LITTLE.

On motion the subject of Sunday Schools is made the special order for this hour instead of Temperance, as adopted in the regular order of business. The writer reads the report and yields the floor to Rev. H. C. Moore, our Sunday school secretary, who makes an able speech, after which it is adopted as follows:

Sunday Schools.

The Sunday School has been aply termed, "The

teaching service of the church." It is the church working to carry out the last part of Christ's last command, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Mt. 28:20. This being true, the Sunday school should receive the sympathy and hearty co-operation of every member of our churches. But when we turn to the minutes of last association, we see that only twenty-eight churches out of thirty-four report any Sunday school at all; and that the number of students enrolled in these twenty-eight schools, is only about half as great as the membership of the churches that report the schools. Then when we remember that almost invariably the best preachers, deacons and christian workers come from the ranks of this small number that is enlisted in the Sunday school work, we are led to ask: What is there that we could not accomplish for our blessed Master, if one hundred per cent. of our church members were heartily engaged in this work? This lack of interest is not due to lack of good sound Sunday school literature, because our Sunday School Board keeps on hand an almost inexhaustible supply of the very best lesson helps to be found, and at a price that is within reach of all. Neither can it be attributed to lack of interest (at present) on the part of our State convention, for the convention has had Bro. Hight C. Moore in the field for several months, and he has been sending forth a flood of light and information all over the State in regard to the importance of the work. So, then, we are forced to the conclusion that the fault lies at our own doors, and if this be true we certainly hold the key to the situation. Then, for the quickest and surest solution of this problem, I would suggest that the already over-worked pastor take the matter up, study the situation in his field, and ever try to keep the importance of the work prominently before his people. We recommend

1. That the association set apart the spring fifth Sunday meeting for the consideration of Sunday school topics and the unifying of our Sunday school forces.

2. That a committee of three be appointed who shall arrange for this annual Sunday school meeting, stimulate the Sunday school interests of the association in every possible way, and co-operate with our State secretary in his work within our bounds.

3. That all our Sunday schools be requested to make at least one offering during the coming year for our Baptist Sunday school work in the State.

Respectfully submitted,
M. D. L. PRESLAR.

Writers for Next Session.

The Moderator announces the writers for next session as follows:

Foreign Missions—Rev. J. A. Bivens.
State Missions—Rev. T. P. Little.
Home Missions—Rev. A. Marsh.
Orphanage—Rev. J. F. Davis.
Education—Rev. D. A. Snider.
Periodicals—Rev. J. L. Bennett.
Aged Ministers—Rev. M. D. L. Preslar.
Temperance—Rev. S. R. Brock.
Women's Work—Rev. G. O. Wilhoit.
Sunday Schools—Rev. J. G. Gullege.

Requests and Queries.

The committee on Requests and Queries report as follows:

1. The committee desires to submit the request of Wolf Pond and Waxhaw (King Street) churches for the ordination of Bro. J. W. Rowell to the consideration of the body.

2. The following churches ask the prayers of the association: Benton's Cross Roads, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Harmony, Shiloh, New Hope and Union.

The following churches request help on pastor's salary: Roanoke, $15; Sardis, $25; Waxhaw (King Street), $50.

J. F. DAVIS,
W. G. LONG,
J. L. AUTREY,
Committee.

It is moved that the request of King Street church in regard to the ordination of Rev. J. W. Rowell be granted. The motion is amended so as to refer the matter back to the King Street church. Amendment is carried, and the question referred back to the initiatory church.

On his request, V. T. Chears was relieved from the finance committee, and J. H. Williams was made chairman and J. F. Moore added to the committee.

SATURDAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. D. A. Snider, and the Moderator called the association to order at 10 o'clock.

The Moderator asks for information as to what to call the papers presented on each subject. After some discussion no conclusion is arrived at.

On motion the subject of education is taken up, and in the absence of the appointed writer, Prof. J. E. Dowd, Bro. V. T. Chears is appointed to hand in a report. The subject is discussed by R. F. Beasley, J. A. Bivens and V. T. Chears.

The hour having arrived for the discussion of Foreign Missions, and the writer, Rev. G. O. Wilhoit, being absent, the subject is taken up for discussion and the writer is requested to hand his report to the Clerk. Several earnest speeches were made on the subject, the discussion being participated in by Bros. W. F. Watson and Gibson, Sustar, Chears and Rowell. The appeals by the speakers were for the association to not only keep up the support of our missionary, but to begin to get ready to support one or two more. The pledges were then taken for the support of our missionary in China, Rev. L. W. Pierce, after an earnest prayer by Bro. Sustar. The pledges were increased over last year. Bro. Marion Presley pledges $5 for himself.

Foreign Missions.

The great work of Missions is especially the work of the churches, and the world is the field. What a broad field it is for christian effort! Brethren, the Lord is looking to the churches to do this work and glorify His name. Paul said, in his prayer for the Ephesian church, "Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ throughout all ages." So, we see, the Lord has commanded us to do this work and expects us to do this work. We rejoice to know that a wave of mission sentiment has touched the

hearts of the christian world and, like Gideon's band, they are breaking their pitchers and letting their lights shine by giving their lives and their money.

God is still anointing men and women by His spirit and sending them as preachers and teachers to foreign fields. If we can't go in person, we can do as the Union association did last year—put our offerings together to support one.

We heartily recommend that our association continue to support one missionary and as much more as our executive committee may think wise or prudent to undertake. Yours in the Master's work,

G. O. WILHOIT.

The association selects Meadow Branch as the next meeting place.

Rev. M. D. L. Preslar is appointed to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. A. Marsh alternate.

The executive board was granted time to get its report in the minutes, both for this year and last.

The treasurer's report is read and adopted. The finance committee make the following report, which is adopted:

Your committee on finance beg leave to submit the following report:

Moneys sent up to this session of the association as follows—

Minute fund	$ 42.08
State Missions	53.08
Home Missions	28.13
Foreign Missions	67.63
Education	.68
Orphanage	58.37
Aged ministers	8.15
Total	$258.12
Cash collection for Orphanage	21.11
Total	$279.23

JAS. H. WILLIAMS,
M. D. L. PRESLAR,
J. F. MOORE,
Committee.

Any member of the association who may attend any sister association is appointed a messenger to the same from this body.

Rev. W. F. Watson is appointed delegate to Southern Baptist convention; Rev. G. O. Wilhoit alternate.

The Moderator appoints any brother who desires to attend the State convention a delegate to the same.

Rev. M. D. L. Preslar makes a report of his visit to the last session of the Southern Baptist convention.

I. A. Hunnicutt is given permission to take a collection at the door to help pay off the debt on Sardis church.

After the noon recess the association reassembled, and M. D. L. Preslar led in prayer.

The writer on aged ministers' relief being absent, the subject was discussed by Rev. J. J. McLendon and Brethren Preslar, Curlee and Gibson. Report to be handed in later.

The writer on the subject of temperance not being present, O. C. Curlee is requested to prepare a report and hand in to the Clerk for incorporation in the minutes. The subject is extensively discussed.

Report on Temperance.

We notice that Baptist churches in our State retained as members, until recently, men who were manufacturing and selling intoxicating liquors and their associations, and held them in fellowship without reprimand, so far as we know. But we have awakened to a sense of duty to the American homes, to the boyhood and motherhood and to the great God that rules us. We see the onward sweeping tide of temperance in our own association, as well as throughout the State. The ministry is to be praised for preaching it more and more, and the laity for talking it. We should all thank the Lord for the great temperance crusade that is on in the State of North Carolina, which was promoted and is being fostered by the three great leading denominations of the State, viz.: Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist.

Now, we feel like calling on every member of our church to awake out of sleep on this great matter and come to the rescue of our boys—to talk, pray and preach, using all the powers that God has endowned them with, for the destruction of the rum traffic, and save, as far

as possible, the one hundred thousand of our American boys annually from drunkards' graves and drunkards' hells.

The whiskey business cannot go without boys, any more than a saw mill can run without logs, or a cotton mill without cotton, a wheat mill without wheat. While the three latter tend to build up and improve our estate, at least here below, but, oh, the rum mills are trafficing in boys' souls! Almost the exclusive product of the latter mills go to the building up of the kingdom of the devil; and to us it makes no difference whether run by the individual or the State, the church cannot afford to enter into an alliance with satan in a business that stands up as the greatest foe to its progress, and stands not only against the church, but in the way of every legitimate industry in all the earth—the most formidable foe to Jesus and his kingdom and the greatest auxiliary to the kingdom of satan.

We are opposed to the manufacture, sale, importation, and transportation of alcoholic liquors. We recommend to our christian population, total abstinence. We favor prohibition for the State and nation, and to this end we believe that no christian who holds in his hand the sacred right of franchise should ever cast a ballot for any man, measure or platform that is opposed to the annihilation of the withering curse, root and branch. O. C. CURLEE.

The committee to nominate executive board report as follows, which is adopted: O. M. Sanders, F. B. Ashcraft, R. F. Beasley, Jas. H. Williams, J. A. Bivens.

Rev. D. A. Snider is elected a member of the State Mission Board from this association.

The committee to nominate trustees for Wingate School report as follows, which is adopted: J. B. Mangum, J. F. Moore, F. M. Sutton, W. P. Griffin, J. E. Sustar.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the people of this community and Mt. Harmony church for the kind hospitality shown the messengers.

The following report is adopted:

We, the committee on obituaries, find that thirty-six of our brethren and sisters have died since the last association. We recommend that the sympathy of this body be extended to the bereaved families.

A. MARSH,
T. P. LITTLE,
R. POPE,
Committtee.

R. F. Beasley, V. T. Chears and R. L. Moore were appointed a committee to make a report at next session on constitution and by-laws and to see if the old rules can be found, if not to draft new ones.

There being no further business, the body adjourned.

Report of Executive Committee.

We, your Executive Committee, beg leave to report that we have expended for Mission work in the bounds of our association the following amounts:

FOR WORK DONE IN 1902 AND 1903.

To J. G. Gulledge, at Roanoke	$ 15.00
" A. Marsh, at Sardis	15.00
" J. L. Bennett, at Waxhaw—King Street	40.00
" D. A. Snider, at Mountain Spring	20.00
" D. A. Snider, at Monroe—2nd	20.00
To A. Marsh, at Fairfield	15.00
Total	$125.00

FOR WORK DONE IN 1903 AND 1904.

To J. G. Gulledge, at Roanoke	$ 10.00
" A. Marsh, at Sardis	15.00
" J. L. Bennett, at Waxhaw—King Street	20.00
" J. L. Bennett, at New Hope	15.00
" D. A. Snider, at New Hope	5.00
" M. D. L. Preslar, at Mountain Spring	20.00
" J. A. Bivens, at New Salem	20.00
To T. P. Little, at Fairfield	15.00
Total	$120.00

Respectfully submitted,

F. B. ASHCRAFT, J. W. BIVENS,
O. M. SANDERS, J. A. BIVENS,
R. F. BEASLEY.

Statement of Amounts Received and Disbursed for Associational Year Ending Oct. 5th, 1904.

Collected for State Missions	$ 276.85	
Paid to State Missions		$ 175.00
Amount on hand		101.85
Collected for Home Missions	207.54	
Paid to Home Missions		207.54
Collected for Foreign Missions	565.61	
Paid to Foreign Missions		565.61
Collected for Aged Ministers	33.15	
Paid to Aged Ministers		33.15
Collected for Ministerial Education	17.93	
Paid to Ministerial Education		17.93
Collected for Minute fund	38.21	
Paid Clerk		10.00
Paid for Minutes		28.21
Collected for houses of worship	1.00	
Amount on hand		1.00
Collected for Sunday School Missions	.25	
Paid to Sunday School Missions		.25
Col. for delegate South'n convention	22.76	
Paid to M. D. L. Preslar, delegate		22.15
Amount on hand		.61
Collected for Orphanage	301.73	
Paid to Orphanage		301.73
Total amount collected	1,465.03	
Total amount paid out		1,361.57
Total amount on hand		$ 103.46

F. B. ASHCRAFT, Treas.

Pledges for Next Year.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Miss ons.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.
Antioch	$ 2 50	$ 2 50	$ 6 00	$ 2 50
Benton's Cross Roads	2 00	1 50	4 00	3 00
Bethel	3 00	3 00	15 00	5 00
Corinth	2 00	2 00	5 00	5 00
Deep Springs	2 00	------	------	------
Ebeneezer	2 50	1 50	7 00	3 00
Faulks	3 00	2 00	8 00	5 00
Hamilton's Cross Roads*	2 00	2 00	5 00	2 00
Hermon	------	------	20 00	------
Hopewell	8 00	3 00	11 00	5 00
Marshville	15 00	7 00	40 00	12 00
Macedonia	2 50	2 00	7 00	3 00
Meadow Branch	25 00	10 00	75 00	25 00
Mill Creek	5 00	5 00	15 00	6 00
Monroe	50 00	45 00	200 00	100 00
Mt. Pleasant	3 00	2 50	8 00	4 00
Mt. Olive	2 00	3 00	3 00	5 00
Mt. Harmony	8 00	5 00	20 00	20 00
Mt. Springs	1 00	2 00	3 00	2 00
New Salem	1 00	------	2 00	2 00
New Home	------	2 00	------	1 00
Oak Grove	2 00	------	3 00	5 00
Olive Branch	------	------	------	------
Philadelphia	4 00	4 00	12 00	6 00
Pleasant Hill	2 00	------	4 50	2 00
Roanoke	------	------	2 00	------
Sandy Ridge	2 50	------	4 00	2 50
Sardis	1 00	------	5 00	1 00
Shiloh	3 00	2 00	15 00	5 00
Union*	5 10	4 33	30 00	9 72
Waxhaw	5 00	2 00	20 00	10 00
Waxhaw—King Street	5 00	------	10 00	5 00
Totals	87 10	113 33	559 50	256 22

*Paid.

Officers of the Association:

Rev. W. F. Watson, Moderator ..... Monroe, N. C.
R. F. Beasley, Clerk ..... Monroe, N. C.

Trustees of Wingate School:

J. W. Bivens, Thos. E. Williams, J. B. Mangum, J. F. Moore, F. M. Sutton, W. P. Griffin, J. E. Sustar, I. A. Clontz, O. M. Sanders, J. A. Bivens, J. C. Sikes, A. Rushing, E. C Williams, J. F. Gordon, J. L. Bennett.

Executive Board:

O. M. Sanders, F. B. Ashcraft, R. F. Beasley, Jas. H. Williams, J. A. Bivens.

Ordained Ministers:

J. A. Bivens ..... R. F. D. No. 3, Monroe, N. C.
D. A. Snyder ..... Wingate, N. C.
J. W. Little ..... Wingate, N. C.
T. P. Little ..... Marshville, N. C.
S. R. Brock ..... Marshville, N. C.
A. C. Davis ..... Olive Branch, N. C.
A. Marsh ..... Marshville, N. C.
J. L. Bennett ..... Marshville, N. C.
W. F. Watson ..... Monroe, N. C.
M. D. L. Preslar ..... R. F. D. No. 1, Monroe, N. C.
J. G. Gulledge ..... R. F. D. No. 1, Monroe, N. C.
M. C. King ..... Robeson, S. C.
R. H. James ..... Reuben, N. C.
H. G. Bryant ..... Reuben, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS FOR PAST YEAR.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Total Loss.	Total Gain.
Antioch	M. D. L. Preslar	7	2	1	1	1	1	19	35	44	0	7
Bentons Cross Roads	M. D. L. Preslar	5	2	1	4	0	2	23	40	63	0	2
Bethel	J. A Bivens	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	28	51	0	0
Corinth	J. G. Gulledge	2	2	0	2	0	0	28	38	66	0	2
Deep Springs	T. P. Little	0	0	0	3	2	0	28	52	80	5	0
Ebeneezer	M. D. L. Preslar	6	4	4	6	3	1	35	57	92	0	4
Fairfield	T. P. Little	5	5	0	3	1	0	10	28	44	0	6
Faulks	D. A. Snyder	2	1	0	2	0	4	40	76	116	3	0
Herman	W. F. Little	4	1	0	4	4	1	32	51	83	4	0
Hamiltons Cross Roads	A. Marsh	10	2	0	0	0	0	31	41	72	0	12
Hopewell	J. F. Davis	1	8	1	14	0	0	63	84	147	4	0
King Street	J L. Bennett	2	3	2	1	1	1	18	25	43	0	4
Marshville	G. O. Wilhoit	19	6	0	6	2	2	79	139	218	0	15
Macedonia	J. A. Bivens	1	2	0	2	0	1	39	61	100	0	0
Meadow Branch	G. O. Wilhoit	15	16	0	13	1	1	124	191	315	0	16
Mill Creek	A. Marsh	27	7	0	7	0	0	59	92	151	0	27
Monroe	W. F. Watson	5	37	0	8	2	3	103	162	265	0	29
Mount Pleasant	D. A. Snyder	8	5	1	18	1	3	37	65	102	8	0
Mount Olive	A. C. Baker	0	0	0	0	1	1	23	41	64	2	0
Mount Harmony	J. F. Davis	8	0	2	0	0	0	63	82	145	0	10
Mountain Springs	M. D. L. Preslar	2	10	0	0	2	0	23	25	48	0	12
New Salem	J. A. Bivens	0	4	1	4	2	0	27	48	75	0	1
New Home	T. P. Little	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	20	28	2	0
New Hope	J. L. Bennett	6	0	1	1	0	0	8	34	42	0	6
Oak Grove	J. L. Bennett	8	3	1	3	0	1	43	62	105	0	8
Olive Branch	G. O. Wilhoit	12	3	0	6	2	2	28	88	116	0	5
Philadelphia	D. A. Snyder	10	1	1	1	15	4	76	114	190	8	0
Pleasant Hill	H. G. Bryant	1	1	1	3	4	1	38	76	114	8	0
Roanoke	J. G. Gulledge	3	2	0	2	1	0	20	22	42	0	2
Sandy Ridge	D. A. Snyder	8	2	1	1	11	0	52	76	128	1	0
Sardis	A. Marsh	10	2	0	1	0	0	20	18	38	0	11
Shiloh	A. Marsh	11	7	3	6	5	3	66	90	156	0	7
Union	J. A. Bivens	8	10	0	9	0	0	45	58	103	0	9
Waxhaw	J. L. Bennett	1	2	0	14	0	3	79	135	214	14	0
		207	148	21	149	62	36	1410	2256	3666	59	195

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidentals.	Poor.	Minute Fund.	Repairs.	Other Objects.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Old Ministers Relief.	Total Contributions	Value Church Property.
Antioch	J. F. Hagler---Albans	40 00	5 40	----	94	----	----	2 58	2 57	5 00	2 35	----	58 84	200
Bentons Cross Roads	J. B. Benton---Indian Trail	55 10	----	----	55	----	1 50	1 50	1 50	4 00	2 00	----	66 15	200
Bethel	M. H. Tadlock--Marshville R. F. D. 1	50 00	12 50	----	1 25	----	----	3 00	3 00	11 45	3 00	2 00	86 20	400
Corinth	T. A. Richardson ---Monroe	40 00	----	----	90	----	3 05	3 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	----	57 95	300
Deep Springs	W. A. Caudle---Peachland	50 00	----	----	75	----	----	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 75	----	56 50	500
Ebeneezer	G. W Baucom---Monroe R. F. D. 6	50 00	----	6 34	75	----	5 00	2 15	2 00	7 00	5 05	----	78 29	300
Fairfield	L. S. Williams--Marshvillee R.F.D.2	25 00	6 05	----	80	80 00	----	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 20	----	91 70	400
Faulks	J. F. Moore---Wingate R. F. D. 1	50 00	3 00	25 00	1 25	----	7 06	2 50	2 00	10 00	3 24	----	103 55	500
Herman	L. W. Helms---Waxhaw R. F. D. 1	75 00	11 00	----	50	----	5 00	15 00	3 35	16 50	5 00	----	131 35	300
Hamiltons Cross Roads	S. E. Hamilton---Marshville	50 00	12 60	2 35	1 00	75 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	----	155 60	700
Hopewell	W. L. Biggers---Longs Store	100 00	2 80	----	2 00	----	7 20	6 00	2 00	10 00	5 60	2 35	137 61	600
King Street	J. P. Garrison---Waxhaw	75 00	50	----	1 00	32 00	----	----	8 27	6 00	----	----	117 77	1000
Marshville	B. H. Griffin---Peachland R. F. D. 1	150 00	86 18	----	3 00	336 00	32 86	8 79	18 20	34 70	13 15	1 32	904 20	2000
Macedonia	A. L. Funderburk--Monroe R. F. D. 1	50 00	1 40	----	1 25	45 90	----	2 00	2 37	7 00	8 50	1 95	120 32	500
Meadow Branch	Jesse A. Williams---Wingate	150 00	10 00	----	4 48	----	46 58	25 00	13 31	65 00	22 19	4 75	341 41	1000
Mill Creek	T. F. James---Judith	78 75	----	----	1 20	50	16 08	4 16	4 00	11 34	5 91	----	121 94	140
Monroe	H. E. Copple---Monroe	1150 00	120 19	----	3 50	1043 90	10 00	45 00	110 00	200 68	40 97	----	2728 07	8000
Mount Pleasant	G. W. Parker---Monroe R. F. D. 1	50 00	80	1 20	1 50	11 00	----	3 00	2 50	3 00	3 81	----	71 76	250
Mount Olive	W. D. C Gathings---Marshville	80 00	----	----	1 00	----	----	2 00	3 00	6 00	5 00	----	97 00	1000
Mount Harmony	P. A. Fisher---Matthews	100 00	25 00	----	1 00	400 00	5 50	4 50	4 00	15 00	10 00	----	574 00	1000
Mountain Springs	A. D. Moore---Monroe	33 25	----	----	95	----	----	2 00	1 95	4 04	1 30	----	56 44	----
New Salem	J. A. Helms---Monroe	25 00	----	1 65	50	----	----	1 05	1 68	2 00	2 56	45	35 19	100
New Home	J. J. Williams--Peachland R. F. D. 1	20 00	----	----	55	35 00	----	----	----	2 00	2 00	----	59 55	300
New Hope	M. C. Austin---Marshville R. F. D. 2	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Oak Grove	C. B. Gordon---Monroe R. F. D. 5	75 00	----	----	80	65 00	12 00	2 00	2 00	6 00	6 00	1 00	169 80	350
Olive Branch	Wilson Curran ---Olive Branch	75 00	77 12	----	1 00	2 20	2 38	2 25	1 10	5 00	1 40	4 14	172 59	----
Philadelphia	M. L. Baker ---Monroe R. F. D. 1	100 00	7 86	12 96	2 25	45	15 21	4 00	4 10	10 00	5 00	----	146 62	500
Pleasant Hill	Van Smith--Olive Branch, R. F. D. 1	----	9 00	----	1 00	----	----	2 00	----	3 43	2 00	----	17 43	400
Roanoke	Miles N. Bivens--Wingate R. F. D. 1	25 00	----	----	50	----	7 50	1 00	2 00	5 00	3 00	1 25	44 95	250
Sandy Ridge	D. C. Montgomery--Monroe R.F. D. 4	50 00	12 10	----	55	65 00	----	2 00	----	4 00	2 00	----	135 65	400
Sardis	O. V. Hunnicutt---Monroe R. F. D. 6	25 00	----	----	75	200 00	----	1 00	----	1 25	----	----	228 00	250
Shiloh	A. B. Helms---Monroe R. F. D. 6	65 00	115 68	75	1 75	13 26	----	2 35	2 35	12 50	6 81	----	220 45	700
Union	W. A. Hamilton---Monroe R. F. D. 1	100 00	7 00	21 80	1 30	----	22 16	5 18	5 40	30 00	8 11	2 50	203 65	700
Waxhaw	W. M. Crow---Waxhaw	100 00	31 00	22 00	75	----	----	5 00	2 40	15 30	10 40	2 70	206 45	1200

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Baptized from School.	Lesson Helps Taken.	Expenses.
Antioch	J. A. Helms, Longs Store	1	8	68	76	35	3	120	2 46
Bentons Cross Roads	J. K. Trull, Monroe R. F. D. 2	1	5	35	40	20	1	75	5 87
Bethel	F. A. Marsh, Marshville R. F. D. 1	1	4	16	20	15	----	36	5 00
Corinth	T. A. Richardson, Monroe	1	5	46	51	35	----	160	3 35
Deep Springs	J. W. Dees, Marshville	1	5	52	57	40	----	42	4 00
Ebeneezer	G. W. Baucom, Monroe R. F D. 6	1	6	----	----	----	----	40	1 80
Fairfield	Calvin Allen, Marshville R. F. D. 2	1	6	50	56	35	2	45	3 00
Faulks	A. M. Newsome, Marshville	1	5	60	66	35	1	50	4 00
Herman	W. H. Helms, Waxhaw	1	5	25	30	20	1	30	4 00
Hamiltons Cross Roads	M. L. Sinclair, Marshville	1	5	75	80	60	2	75	3 00
Hopewell	W. L. Biggers, Longs Store	1	5	60	66	40	----	60	2 80
King Street	J. T. Black, Waxhaw	1	4	35	39	15	----	40	6 55
Marshville	J. E. Dowd, Marshville	1	8	110	118	80	14	120	14 33
Macedonia	N. A. Funderburk, Monroe R. F. D. 4	1	5	50	55	36	1	45	3 00
Meadow Branch	J.W.Bivens and W. E. L. Williams, Wingate	2	18	266	284	203	11	308	56 46*
Mill Creek	W. E. Williams, Judith	1	7	70	77	56	9	175	5 35
Monroe	F. B. Asheraft, Monroe	2	20	248	268	140	5	200	164 98*
Mount Pleasant	M. L. Davis, Monroe R. F. D. 1	1	5	43	48	30	1	50	3 25
Mount Harmony	J. E. Sustare, Matthews	1	5	74	80	45	2	100	11 64
Mountain Springs		1	7	28	34	33	----	30	2 04
New Salem	A. L. Helms, Monroe	1	6	30	37	20	----	48	4 00
Oak Grove	W. K. Rape, Monroe R. F. D. 5	1	5	45	50	30	2	41	2 46
Olive Branch	W. L. Baker, Olive Branch	1	4	35	39	----	6	----	5 00
Philadelphia	J. L. Autry, Marshville R. F. D. 3	1	5	55	60	30	6	40	3 50
Pleasant Hill	Vann Smith, Olive Branch	1	7	50	57	35	1	30	4 00
Roanoke	D. Deese, Monroe R. F. D. 2.	1	5	45	50	25	1	13	45
Sandy Ridge	D. C. Montgomery, Monroe R. F. D. 4.	1	6	50	56	42	----	135	2 70
Sardis	Raymond Helms, Indian Trail	1	7	45	52	36	8	40	1 50
Shiloh	F. M. Sutton, Monroe R. F. D. 5	1	9	86	95	43	7	90	10 65
Waxhaw	J. H. Godfrey, Waxhaw	1	7	60	67	35	1	70	8 00

*Include Contributions.

Minutes of the Fifty-first Session of the Union Baptist Association, held with Meadow Branch Church, October 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 1905.

Officers of the Association:

Rev. W. F. Watson, Moderator ..... Monroe, N. C.
J. W. Bivens, Vice Moderator ..... Wingate, N. C.
R. F. Beasley, Clerk ..... Monroe, N. C.
F. B. Ashcraft, Treasurer ..... Monroe, N. C.

Trustees of Wingate School:

J. W. Bivens, Thos. E. Williams, J. B. Mangum, J. F. Moore, F. M. Sutton, W. P. Griffin, J. E. Sustar, I. A. Clontz, O. M. Sanders, J. A. Bivens, J. C. Sikes, A. Rushing, E. C. Williams, J. F. Gordon, J. L. Bennett.

Executive Board:

O. M. Sanders, F. B. Ashcraft, R. F. Beasley, Jas. H. Williams, J. A. Bivens.

Ordained Ministers:

J. A. Bivens ..... R. F. D. No. 3, Monroe, N. C.
D. A. Snider ..... Wingate, N. C.
T. P. Little ..... Marshville, N. C.
S. R. Brock ..... Marshville, N. C.
A. C. Davis ..... Olive Branch, N. C.
A. Marsh ..... Marshville, N. C.
J. L. Bennett ..... Marshville, N. C.
W. F. Watson ..... Monroe, N. C.
M. D. L. Preslar ..... R. F. D. No. 1, Monroe, N. C.
J. G. Gulledge ..... R. F. D. No. 1, Monroe, N. C.
M. C. King ..... Robeson, S. C.
R. H. James ..... Marshville, N. C.
A. C. Baker ..... R. F. D. No. 4, Monroe, N. C.

Place of next meeting, Shiloh.

Proceedings of the Union Baptist Association.

The Union Baptist Association met with the church at Meadow Branch on Thursday, October the fifth. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. M. D. L. Preslar at eleven o'clock, from the text, Isaiah 54:2—God's call to Zion.

At one o'clock the Moderator of the former session, Rev. W. F. Watson, read the first Psalm, and Rev. C. H. Martin lead in prayer. The association was called to order and Brethren James H. Williams and Ira B. Mullis were appointed reading clerks. The letters from the several churches were read and the following delegates found to be present in the house:

Antioch—C. P. Green, M. S. Baucom, J. P. Hinson.

Bethel—M. H. Tadlock, J. T. Leonard.

Benton's—W. C. Simpson, J. K. Trull.

Corinth—T. J. Caudle, Z. V. King.

Deep Springs—C. C. Davis, Walter Caudle, James Eddins.

Ebeneezer—J. D. Helms, W. A. Chaney, J. M. Hill.

Fairfield—L. S. Williams.

Faulks—G. W. Pounds, S. L. Snider, W. P. Pierce.

Hermon—J. N. Bigham, R. W. Flow.

Hamilton's—M. L. Sinclair, J. Baker Staton, J. F. Ross.

Hopewell—W. P. Griffin, W. G. Long.

King Street—J. R. Eason, J. W. Rowell, W. R. Godfrey.

Marshville—W. B. Marsh, G. M. Little.

Macedonia—J. B. Mangum, C. J. Funderburk, N. A. Funderburk.

Meadow Branch—M. W. Griffin, Thos. E. Williams, H. M. Nicholson.

Mill Creek—I. A. Clontz, N. W. Braswell.

Monroe—James H. Williams, O. C. Curlee.

Mt. Pleasant—B. L. Goodwin, J. L. Tomberlin, S. W. Preslar.

Mt. Olive—A. E. Rushing, C. H. Rivers, H. A. Redfearn.

Mt. Harmony—B. A. Gibson, J. E. Sustare (came in on Friday).

Mt. Springs—J. R. Hair, Julius Presson, A. R. Collins.

New Salem—W. H. Long, B. B. Helms.

New Home—Z. T. Traywick, J. F. Little, N. G. Thomas.

New Hope—Not represented.

Oak Grove—D. M. Crump, H. W. Mullis, Jeff Underwood.

Olive Branch—W. L. Parker, Isaiah Newsome.

Philadelphia—Albert Baker.

Pleasant Hill—J. J. Edwards, J. M. Birmingham.

Roanoke—J. B. Helms.

Sandy Ridge—D. C. Montgomery, J. A. Melton, J. H. Melton.

Sardis—W. B. Foard, (O. V. Honeycutt, Oscar Helms in on Friday).

Shiloh—L. C. Polk.

Union—J. F. Carelock, J. T. Tucker, J. W. Thomas.

Waxhaw—E. G. Yarbrough, J. A. Gamble, J. T. Carter.

Mt. Moriah (received on Friday)—W. L. Gibson, James Mills, J. W. Moore.

The committee appointed at the last session to make a report at this session on a revision of the constitution and by-laws, report that they have drafted a report of a new constitution and by-laws, based upon the old, with such changes as they deem wise. The paper is read, section by section, and adopted, after discussion and some changes as follows:

Constitution and By-Laws.

We, the Baptist churches comprising the Union Baptist Association, believe that we can better prosecute the Lord's work by maintaining this association of churches, the object of which is the development of the missionary spirit among the members of our churches and their general advancement in efficiency along all the lines of christian service; and for the purpose of bringing up to the present needs our organic law, do draft the following constitution and by-laws for our government, in place of those heretofore existing:

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Sec. 1. This body shall be known as the Union Baptist Association, and shall be composed of three delegates chosen annually from each church comprising its membership in good and regular standing. Each meeting shall be held, beginning on the Thursday preceeding the second Sunday in October of each year.

Sec. 2. Each church shall send to the annual sessions of the association a letter setting forth in detail an accurate account of all the work of the church for the year preceding.

Sec. 3. The officers of the association shall be a moderator, a vice-moderator, clerk, and treasurer.

Sec. 4. The following churches shall compose this association: Antioch, Benton's Cross Roads, Bethel, Corinth, Deep Springs, Ebeneezer, Fairfield, Faulks, Hermon, Hamilton's Cross Roads, Hopewell, King Street, Marshville, Macedonia, Meadow Branch, Mill Creek, Monroe, Mount Pleasant, Mount Olive, Mount Harmony, Mountain Springs, New Salem, New Home, New Hope, Oak Grove, Olive Branch, Philadelphia, Pleasant Hill, Roanoke, Sandy Ridge, Sardis, Shiloh, Union, Waxhaw, And other churches may be received by a majority vote

of the churches of the association, on presenting articles of faith showing them to be in accord with Baptist doctrine and polity.

Sec. 5. This association shall co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in all the regular organized work of the convention.

Sec. 6. Any church that is deemed to have departed from Baptist faith and practice shall be excluded on a majority vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Sec. 7. An executive board shall be appointed at each annual session, composed of five members, whose duty it shall be to look after the mission work of the association.

Sec. 8. The association shall fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees of Wingate School as provided by charter of said school.

Sec. 9. This constitution may be altered or amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

BY-LAWS.

Sec. 1. Each session shall be opened and closed with devotional exercises.

Sec. 2. Representatives present from a majority of the churches of the association shall compose a quorum, who, called to order by the moderator of the preceeding session, shall proceed to effect an organization by electing the regular officers for the ensuing year. The election of officers shall be by ballot, a majority of the votes of the regularly accredited delegates present being necessary for a choice.

Sec. 3. There shall be a roll call of members at the opening of each session, and no member shall absent himself from the sessions without permission of the body through the moderator.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside at all meetings. The vice-moderator shall preside in the absence of or at the call of the moderator. The clerk shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the association and publish the same for distribution at the direction of the association. The treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds on the order of the association.

Sec. 5. All deliberations of the association shall be governed by the usual parliamentary practices of deliberative bodies.

Sec. 6. If any church fails for two consecutive sessions to have representation in the association, the cause of same shall be inquired into by the clerk, who shall report at the next session for the association to take such action as it may deem proper.

G. O. Wilhoit, M. D. L. Preslar and H. M. Nicholson are appointed a committee on order of business.

The election of officers is declared to be in order and the ballots are taken with the following results:

For Moderator—W. F. Watson, 57; J. L. Bennett, 1.

For Vice-Moderator—J. W. Bivens, 51; James H. Williams, 4; D. A. Snider, 4.

For Clerk—R. F. Beasley, 58.

For Treasurer—F. B. Ashcraft, 58.

The brethren receiving the largest vote were declared elected to the respective offices.

The following committees were announced:

Finance—O. C. Curlee, M. L. Sinclair, H. A. Redfearn.

Requests and Queries—C. H. Martin, T. J. Caudle, N. A. Funderburk.

Obituaries—A. C. Davis, S. R. Brock, D. A. Snider.

Visiting brethren were welcomed as follows: Rev. L. Johnson, representing State missions; A. Johnson, representing the Orphanage; Rev. L. L. Chappel, from the Pee Dee association.

The report on State Missions being called for, Rev. T. P. Little, the writer appointed at the last session, stated that he had asked Rev. L. Johnson to make report. This brother read the following paper:

State Missions.

Seventy-five years ago the State Mission Board began its work. A glance at the past is sufficient to convince anyone of the wisdom of our fathers in undertaking this work. As a direct result of what the mission board has done, we turn to the reports of the board which have been submitted to the convention in its annual sessions. Until 1882 the missionaries were not required to give statistical reports, but since 1882 tabulated reports have been given. From these reports we gather the following facts, showing some of the direct results of the work for the last twenty-two years:

Number baptized by missionaries	27,605
Number churches organized	754
Number houses of worship built	746
Amount paid for building these houses	$114,061.74
Number Sunday schools organized	742

There are 1,792 Missionary Baptist churches in the State. Seven hundred and fifty-four—nearly three-sevenths of the total number—were organized by the missionaries of the board within the last twenty-two years. These are a few of the direct results. What we as a denomination have gained indirectly from State missions, eternity only can reveal.

While much has been done, much still remains to be done. There are five counties in the State with only one preacher to the county, and he would not be there if he was not supported in large part by the board. There are

four county seats, in no one of which is there a Baptist church. Many new towns are yet unoccupied and are making urgent appeals to the board for help. Many of the older towns, which the board aided in establishing the first church, are now asking help for two or three mission points.

The opportunities were never so great nor the prospects so bright as they are today. "Let us go up and possess the land, for we are abundantly able to possess it."

Mr. Johnson then took the floor on motion to adopt and delivered a very instructive speech on the State mission work. The speech was highly enjoyed and was followed by the adoption of the report.

This ended the first day's session, and the association adjourned till next morning at ten o'clock. Rev. Mr. Johnson preached at night.

Friday's Session.

After devotional exercises by Rev. J. L. Bennett, the association was called to order by the moderator. The minutes of the preceeding day were read and approved. Roll was called and delegates present enrolled. Letter from Mt. Harmony was read and delegates received.

Visiting brethren were received as follows: Rev. J. J. McLendon, from the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus associations; Dr. R. T. Vann, of the Baptist University for Women; William Rogers, from the Sandy Creek association.

The appointed writer not being present, Editor A. Johnson offers the following paper, which, after a splendid speech on the Orphanage by Mr. Johnson, is adopted:

Report on Orphanage.

The number of children at the Orphanage is 300. Two new buildings have been erected since our last meeting—the Faircloth hall and the Durham house. Most of the funds for the former building were furnished by a bequest in the will of the late Judge Faircloth, and the latter is being built by the Mount Zion association.

Rev. M. L. Kesler has been elected to succeed Rev. J. B. Boone as general manager of the orphanage, and his election has given great satisfaction to the brethren throughout the State. He is wise, prudent, sensible, practical, and consecrated to the great work to which he has been called.

A scourge of typhoid fever last fall brought great sorrow to our people and suffering to the children who were stricken. There were more than eighty cases in all, but only two deaths.

A complete system of water works, at a heavy cost,

has been established. This, with other expenditures for the improvement of the plant, has entailed a debt of $11,000 on the Orphanage. We urge the churches in the Union Association to double their pledges this year in view of the pressing needs of our orphanage work. All the associations which have met thus far have gone forward on their orphanage pledges, and we hope our churches will not fall behind any of their sisters.

In view of the urgent needs of the children, Brother Johnson asked the churches to largely increase their pledges if possible. A cash collection was at once taken, which amounted to $38.31. Pledges for next year were taken as follows: Antioch, $2.50; Benton's, $3.00; Bethel, $5.00; Corinth, $6.00; Deep Springs, ——; Ebeneezer, $3.00; Fairfield, $2.00; Faulks, $5.00; Hermon, $8.00; Hamilton's, $4.00 (paid); Hopewell, $6.00; King Street, $5.00; Marshville, $20.00; Macedonia, $8.50; Meadow Branch, $30.00; Mill Creek, $6.00; Monroe, $125.00; Mt. Pleasant, $5.00; Mt. Olive, $5.00; Mt. Harmony, $20.00; Mt. Springs, $2.00; New Salem, $2.50; New Home, $2.00; New Hope, ——; Oak Grove, $7.50; Olive Branch, $5.00; Philadelphia, $5.00; Pleasant Hill, $4.00; Roanoke, $3.00 (paid); Sandy Ridge, $2.50; Sardis, $2.00; Shiloh, $5.00; Union, $10.00; Waxhaw, $15.00.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

To nominate Executive Board—M. S. Baucom, J. K. Trull, T. J. Caudle.

To nominate the place for next meeting and the preacher to deliver the introductory sermon—W. P. Griffin, J. E. Sustare, J. M. Birmingham.

A letter from the Chesterfield Association is received, dismissing the Mt. Moriah church for union with this association. On motion the church was received and the delegates welcomed.

Rev. J. L. Bennett reads the following report on

Periodicals.

The Bible tells us of the great fundamentals, both of the doctrines and practice of religion, but if we would know the present conditions and the success of the gospel with its tested methods of operation, we must read such papers as The Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field, Charity and Children, the Sunday school literature, and our own local denominational paper, The Baptist Messenger. Let us not neglect these great helps.

On motion the subject of education was taken up and discussed at this time instead of periodicals. Rev. D. A. Snider, the appointed writer on the subject of education, says that he is not prepared to make a report. On motion the subject is discussed and Mr. Snider instructed to hand his report in to the Clerk. One hour is set aside for the discussion of the subject of education,

and Dr. E. W. Sikes opened the discussion with an interesting speech on Wake Forest College. Dr. Vann, president of the Baptist University for Women, next spoke. He was at his best and his speech made a great impression on the congregation.

After a recess of an hour the association reconvened, and was lead in prayer by Rev. A. Marsh. The subject of periodicals was then discussed by a number of the members, and the report read in the morning was adopted.

The order of business was so changed as to put the discussion of Sunday schools at half past nine on Sunday morning, and J. W. Bivens was appointed to hold a mass meeting. The report was read as follows:

Sunday Schools.

Believing that the Sunday school is the church engaged in studying and teaching the Scriptures, that this work is clearly authorized in the Bible, that it is the richest and ripest field for christian endeavor at the present time, that our State convention is seeking wisely to emphasize it as a factor in our development, and that for us as churches and as an association it presents a wide open door of splendid opportunity, we would earnestly recommend:

1. That all our churches put more life, energy, and consecration into this imperative teaching work committed to them.

2. That every Sunday school be kept open, if possible, for every Sunday in the year.

3. That special effort be made by pastors, superintendents, and other workers to enlist in the Sunday school the adult members of our churches as well as an increasing attendance on the part of the children.

4. That we encourage the organization of branch and mission schools wherever practicable, so that a Sunday school may be accessible to every man, woman and child within our associational bounds.

5. That each school send full reports to the association, so that the Sunday school table in the minutes may contain complete statistics.

6. That our schools provide themselves with Baptist literature, as that furnished by our Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn., ordering the same through our Baptist Book Store, Raleigh, N. C., ten or fifteen days before it is needed for distribution.

7. That we arrange with our State Sunday School Secretary to hold within our territory during the coming year one or more Sunday school institutes, with a view to training our officers and teachers and improving our Sunday school condition.

8. That we have a Sunday school convention by utilizing our union meeting in April or July, 1906, devot-

ing it entirely to the consideration of Sunday school topics and the unifying of our Sunday school forces.

9. That we heartily endorse the Sunday school department of the Baptist State Convention. That we recognize Sunday school missions as one of our regular objects of benevolence, and that we pledge ourselves to contribute toward its maintenance and enlargement.

Respectfully submitted, J. G. GULLEDGE.

Rev. S. R. Brock read the report on

Temperance.

It is indeed gratifying to see the reports from different sections of our State, and to note that in most cases the moral forces are in the lead.

We are indeed thankful for the great improvement over the past. While a few years ago a vast number of our people did not have the moral courage to come out and declare themselves against the liquor traffic, today they stand out boldly and faithfully for the annihilation of the traffic.

We are indeed proud of our dear old county and association. Our faithful officers, who are and who have been so diligent in seeing that the law is obeyed, are to be congratulated.

Now, let us not become careless and negligent, but let us ever be on the alert to keep out from our midst forever the home-wrecking, soul-destroying business, and above all let us strive to spread the sentiment which exists in our own county, into the benighted sections where such sentiment does not exist.

After discussion by a number of members, the report was adopted. The Treasurer reported as follows, which is adopted:

Statement of Amounts Received and Disbursed for Associational Year Ending October 4, 1905

Collected for State Missions	$ 279.68	
Paid to State Missions		$ 183.68
Amount on hand		96.00
Collected for Foreign Missions	463.21	
Paid to Foreign Missions		463.21
Collected for Ministerial Education	19.78	
Paid to Ministerial Education		19.78
Collected for Orphanage	323.11	
Pail to Orphanage		313.62
Amount on hand		9.49
Collected for Aged Ministers	26.44	
Paid to Aged Ministers		26.44

Collected on Minute fund	42.08	
Paid for Minutes and to clerk		42.08
Collected for Houses of Worship	1.00	
Amount on hand		1.00
Collected for Wingate School	16.80	
Paid to Wingate School		16.80
Col. for Sunday School Missions	16.26	
Paid to Sunday School Missions		16.26
Collected on Bible fund	1.71	
Paid to Bible fund		1.71
Collected for delegate to State Con.	39.70	
Paid to delegate, W. F. Watson		43.75
Deficit		4.05
Total amount collected	1,424.25	
Total amount paid out		1,321.81
Total amount on hand		106.49
Deficit	4.05	

F. B. ASHCRAFT, Treas.

The association adjourned. Rev. C. H. Martin preached in the evening.

Saturday.

Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. S. R. Brock. The Finance Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on finance beg leave to submit the following report: Moneys sent up to this session of the association—

Minute fund	$ 44.13
State Missions	61.50
Home Missions	42.00
Foreign Missions	140.07
Education	4.08
Orphanage	52.60
Wingate School	10.00
Aged Ministers' Relief	5.00
Total	$359.38

The following report is read:

Report on Foreign Missions.

Christ has told us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. The church that fails to obey this command is very sure to die. The church that has failed is already dead. There have been four deaths in the Union Association since its organization.

Respectfully submitted, J. A. BIVENS.

The report was discussed by a number of brethren,

and adopted. Pledges were taken, which amounted to enough to guarantee the continued support of the association's missionary on the field in China.

The following report was read and, after discussion, adopted:

Aged Ministers' Relief.

Our ministers' relief board was established by our State convention for the purpose of caring for aged ministers who have passed out of the active work, because of age or infirmity.

There are now twenty-five beneficiaries on the board, and they receive from five to twenty dollars per quarter. These men have served well their day and are worthy. Some of them need twice the amount they now receive. One-third of the amount contributed goes to a permanent interest bearing fund, the interest of which goes annually to the amount appropriated to the beneficiaries. We suggest that every church make at least one contribution to this object annually.

Respectfully submitted, M. D. L. PRESLAR.

The following is ordered inserted in the minutes, the writer not being present to read it:

Woman's Work.

1. Woman's work is an important factor in our work for the Master. In the home her work is indispensable, where the children get their first religious impressions that shape their course in life.

2. Woman's work in our churches is recognized by our denomination, as standing by father, husband and brother in the great work of the Master, sacrificing as only women can for the pleasure of giving to Christ. Last year our ladies' missionary societies reported for Home, Foreign, and State missions, $14,287.93. We recommend that all our pastors endeavor to form societies in their churches and encourage those already formed.

3. We recommend that our societies send an annual report of the year's work, with a delegate, to our association; and that the societies meet on Friday and transact their business, and that the same be published in our minutes as "The Report of Ladies' Missionary Society of Union Association."

Respectfully submitted, G. O. WILHOIT.

Rev. A. Marsh read the following report on

Home Missions.

The field of our Home Mission Board is our own Southland, including Cuba and the new fields of Panama and Isle of Pines. These the Baptists are striving to take and hold in the name of our Lord and Master. To do this there must be a strong and continued effort to gain the thousands among us without a saving knowledge of Christ. And as the stream of immigration is

turned Southward, lest we be overcome of evil we must meet it with the "Gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Thus in His name overcome evil with good.

Seeing the need of enlargement to do this work efficiently, the convention at Nashville (1904) said to the Home Board, "Go forward!" which they did. At once the appropriations of the board were increased nearly 50 per cent. over any previous year and great enlargement made in different directions.

We find from the report of 1905, there was an increase—of missionaries, 102; baptisms, 3,025; by letter, 748: total, 3,773; in finances, $12,147.31. While it has been a year of enlargement, it has also been a year of blessing from the hand of Him whose eyes run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward Him.

Brethren of the Union Association, I fear we are not keeping pace with this forward movement. So we recommend that there be an increase on our part of at least 50 per cent. in sympathies, prayers, and finances.

After a discussion by the writer and Dr. Vann, the report is adopted. Pledges were taken, and the body adjourned for dinner.

The association having reassembled, the Moderator announced the following writers for next session:

Foreign Missions—I. B. Mullis.
State Missions—B. C. Ashcraft.
Home Missions—Rev. B. S. Funderburk.
Orphanage—A. C. Davis.
Education—Prof. W. C. Bivens.
Periodicals—M. B. Dry.
Aged Ministers' Relief—H. M. Nicholson.
Temperance—R. H. James.
Woman's Work—R. F. Beasley.

The custom of paying the expenses of the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention was discontinued.

R. F. Beasley was appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. Prof. M. B. Dry was appointed alternate.

O. M. Sanders was elected a member of the State Mission Board.

The following delegates to the State convention were appointed, and the chair authorized to appoint others at his option: A. C. Davis, M. D. L. Preslar, J. L. Bennett, W. F. Watson, R. H. James, J. W. Bivens, M. N. Bivens, O. M. Sanders, A. Marsh, T. P. Little.

The following reports were offered and adopted:

The committee on Obituaries find that the churches of the association have lost by death during the year 1905, thirty members. We commend the bereaved to the care of their heavenly Father.

A. C. Davis,
S. R. Brock,
D. A. Snider.

We, your committee to nominate place for next meeting, respectfully recommend Shiloh as the place, and nominate Rev. A. C. Davis to preach the introductory sermon, with Rev. R. H. James as alternate.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. BIRMINGHAM,
W. P. GRIFFIN,
J. E. SUSTARE.

We, your committee to whom was referred the duty of naming the requests and queries, submit the following report:

Waxhaw, Shiloh, Oak Grove, and King Street churches request the next session of the association. King Street also requests an appropriation of $25 on pastor's salary.

Hamilton's Cross Roads, Waxhaw, Mt. Harmony, Mt. Moriah, Shiloh, and Mt. Pleasant request the prayers of the association.

C. H. MARTIN,
N. A. FUNDERBURK,
T. J. CAUDLE.

We, your executive committee, beg leave to report the following:

FOR WORK DONE DURING 1905.

To M. D. L. Preslar, at Sardis	$10.00
To J. L. Bennett, at Waxhaw (King Street)	25.00
To J. A. Bivens, at Roanoke	20.00
To S. R. Brock, at New Salem	15.00
To D. A. Snider, at Mountain Springs	15.00
To T. P. Little, at Fairfield	10.00
Total	$95.00

This is $25 less than we expended for this work last year. Your executive committee endeavors to get these mission points self-sustaining as quickly as possible, and also to get them to contribute regularly to the objects of our convention. In this connection we note that the contributions this year from these points to the objects of our convention are nearly 50 per cent. greater than last year. Respectfully submitted,

O. M. SANDERS, Chairman.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Bro. T. B. Ashcraft has recently been collecting some facts concerning the history of our association and publishing the same through The Baptist Messenger, therefore

Resolved, That the Union Association express its approval of his efforts along that line, and request him to continue his researches and give us the benefit thereof.

Resolved, That the churches be requested to arrange for their delegates to be present on the first day of the session and to remain until the close.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and

are hereby tendered to the people of Wingate and adjoining community for their bountiful hospitality in entertaining this association.

The following motion was made by J. W. Bivens and unanimously adopted:

That in addition to the subjects already before the association, the Moderator, at the beginning of next session, appoint a committee on the spiritual condition of the churches, and that the public reading of the letters from the churches be omitted and the letters placed in the hands of above named committee to make a complete digest of them all, and report the same to the association as early as possible.

The Treasurer is authorized to pay the funds in his hands to the several objects for which they were contributed. The Clerk is allowed the usual compensation for his services.

The following resolutions, after discussion, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, As the liquor traffic of the present day has become one of the greatest evils of modern times, and is declared to be more destructive to human life than the three great curses of war, pestilence and famine, bringing untold misery, sorrow and woe upon the land, filling the land with paupers and orphans and our jails and penitentiaries with criminals; and

Whereas, As we believe the total abolition of the liquor traffic in the whole State to be the most effectual method of dealing with this monster evil; and, whereas, as the few remaining places where it is now manufactured and sold to be a constant menace to those communities and sections where the people have rid themselves of the traffic; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the delegates and members of the Union Baptist Association, do hereby express our universal condemnation of the liquor traffic and desire that our next legislature assembled submit to the qualified voters of the State an amendment to our State constitution totally abolishing the manufacture and sale of liquor from the State, and do ask that this association, composed of 35 churches and 3,666 members, appoint through its Moderator a delegation of five members to carry these resolutions before the next General Assembly and urge their enactment into law.

Resolved, further, That the members and delegates of this association are unalterably opposed to any change of the temperance laws at present existing in the county of Union. J. W. LITTLE.

The following resolution is offered by Rev. J. L. Bennett:

Whereas, The recent trouble in the old Waxhaw church leading up to the exclusion of several good mem

bers who claim they have been improperly and unjustly dealt with, and the present legal troubles existing between the pastor of the church and another minister of this association, now pending in the Superior Court of Union county, all growing out of the same unhappy situation; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That this association at this session appoint a committee of three wise, conservative brethren whose duty it shall be to look into the whole situation and ascertain whether the church is in good and regular standing with this body, and report its finding at the next session of this association.

The resolution is tabled.

Rev. J. L. Bennett offered a resolution regarding the building of a monument to the late Rev. E. L. Davis, which, after much discussion, was withdrawn on the statement that Meadow Branch desired to do this work.

The Trustees make the following report through Prof. M. B. Dry, which was adopted:

Wingate School.

The Board of Trustees of Wingate School beg leave to submit the following report:

The school is now in its tenth annual session. Five teachers are doing its work. One hundred and thirty-one students have been enrolled to date, of whom 53 are boarding students.

The school is self-sustaining. No call has ever been made upon the association for money to meet its running expenses. Whatever is contributed by the churches goes toward the permanent improvement of the property, and yet the rates for tuition are very moderate when compared with those of other schools of like grade.

A dormitory is much needed to accommodate the boarding patronage. An enlargement of the school building is also necessary if the school is to continue its growth. At a meeting of the trustees in December, 1904, it was decided to begin the work of enlargement. Nothing definite, however, could be done without the action of the association.

The debt reported last year, amounting to $81.28, was apportioned among the churches in June, and they were asked to try to raise it. Forty-four dollars and fifty-five cents of this has been raised.

A proposition from Bro. W. F. Watson in May, to turn The Baptist Messenger over to the Trustees to be published in the interest of the school, as well as of the association, was accepted, and M. B. Dry and W. C. Bivens were asked to take editorial charge. The profits of the paper go to the school.

On motion the order for a Sunday school mass meeting on Sunday morning was rescinded, and the time de-

voted to a speech by Dr. E. W. Sikes on Baptist history.

On motion the association adjourned, the right hand of fellowship being extended as the final hymn was being sung.

On Sunday, Dr. Vann preached a great sermon to a tremendous congregation in the church, and Rev. Mr. Marsh preached in the academy building.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS FOR LAST YEAR.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Net Loss.	Net Gain.
Antioch	M. D. L. Preslar	3	6	1	0	2	1	23	37	60	0	7
Benton's	M. D. L. Preslar		1	0	1	4	0	20	36	56	4	0
Bethel	J. A. Bivens	2	1	0	5	0	1	22	30	52	3	0
Corinth	J. G. Gulledge	8	1	0	4	1	0	30	42	72	0	4
Deep Springs	A. Marsh	8	1	1	5	2	1	28	58	86	0	2
Ebeneezer	M. D. L. Preslar	4	6	0	5	6	1	33	60	93	2	0
Fairfield	T. P Little	1	4	0	0	0	0	19	30	49	0	5
Faulks	D. A. Snider	9	8	1	12	1	3	50	95	145	0	2
Herman	A. C. Baker	6	0	2	11	0	0	29	48	77	3	0
Hamilton	A. Marsh	10	5	1	1	1	0	38	48	86	0	14
Hopewell	J. A. Bivens	11	0	2	3	4	0	66	89	155	0	6
King Street	J. L. Bennett	1	10	0	0	0	0	24	26	50	0	10
Marshville	G. O. Wilhoit	4	6	2	8	10	3	84	132	216	9	0
Macedonia	J. A. Bivens	9	2	0	7	1	1	37	65	102	0	2
Meadow Branch	B.S.Funderburk	11	4	0	12	7	2	117	197	314	6	0
Mill Creek	A. Marsh		3	0	2	0	2	63	86	149	1	0
Monroe	W. F. Watson	34	12	1	27	3	1	118	168	286	0	16
Mt. Pleasant	D. A. Snider	14	4	1	5	1	1	45	71	116	0	12
Mt. Olive	C. H. Martin	5	2	0	1	0	0	27	45	72	0	6
Mt. Harmony	D. A. Snider	5	0	1	3	0	0	56	71	127	0	3
Mt. Springs	D. A. Snider	5	9	1	3	1	0	31	33	64	0	11
Mt. Moriah	J. G. Gulledge	14	0	0	1	1	0	56	52	108	0	12
New Salem	S. R. Brock	1	4	0	5	30	1	14	28	42	33	0
New Home	A. Marsh	2	5	1	0	0	0	11	28	39	0	8
New Hope												
Oak Grove	J. L. Bennett	2	2	0	3	2	1	38	58	96	2	0
Olive Branch	G. O. Wilhoit	10	0	0	3	3	0	33	89	122	0	4
Philadelphia	D. A. Snider	13	11	0	11	4	3	76	122	198	0	6
Pleasant Hill	A. C. Davis	6	2	1	1	2	1	40	77	117	0	5
Roanoke	J. A. Bivens	0	1	0	6	1	0	18	19	37	6	0
Sandy Ridge	T. P. Little	1	1	0	0	0	1	52	78	130	0	1
Sardis	M. D. L. Preslar	3	0	0	2	0	0	20	20	40	0	1
Shiloh	M. D. L. Preslar	10	4	3	2	2	1	70	93	163	0	12
Union	A. Marsh	3	10	1	9	1	3	47	59	106	0	1
Waxhaw	J. W. Little	9	3	5	14	13	4	70	130	200	14	0

Pledges for Next Year.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Aged Ministers.
Antioch	$ 5 00	$2 50	$2 50	$ 25
Benton's	4 00	1 50	2 00	50
Bethel	15 00	3 00	3 00	1 50
Corinth	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 50
Deep Springs	5 00	2 00	3 00	1 00
Ebeneezer	5 00	2 50	2 00	——
Fairfield	——	——	——	——
Faulks	8 00	2 00	3 00	1 00
Hopewell	11 00	3 00	8 00	1 00
Herman	15 00	4 00	10 00	1 00
Hamilton	*5 62	*2 50	*2 50	*1 00
King Street	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Marshville	40 00	7 00	10 00	2 50
Macedonia	7 00	2 50	3 00	1 00
Meadow Branch	65 00	20 00	30 00	5 00
Mill Creek	12 00	5 00	5 00	1 00
Monroe	200 00	50 00	50 00	15 00
Mt. Pleasant	8 00	2 00	10 00	1 00
Mt. Olive	6 00	3 00	2 00	——
Mt. Harmony	20 00	5 00	8 00	*50
Mt. Springs	3 00	3 00	2 00	——
New Salem	2 00	2 00	1 00	50
New Home	3 00	2 50	——	——
New Hope	5 00	1 00	1 00	*1 00
Oak Grove	7 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Olive Branch	5 00	——	——	——
Philadelphia	12 00	4 00	4 00	1 00
Pleasant Hill	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Roanoke	*3 42	*1 00	*1 60	——
Sandy Ridge	4 00	1 00	2 00	——
Sardis	5 00	2 00	1 00	——
Shiloh	15 00	3 00	2 00	2 00
Union	*30 00	5 50	*4 61	*1 00
Waxhaw	20 00	2 00	5 00	1 00
Mt. Moriah	5 00	2 00	1 00	——

*Paid.

Report adopted.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidentals	Poor	Minute Fund.	Repairs.	Other Objects.	State Missions	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers Relief.	Total Contributions.	Value Church Property.
Antioch	J. F. Hagler Unionville No. 2	50 00			1 19		45	2 50	2 50	6 00	3 10		65 74	300
Benton's Cross Roads	J. S. Simpson Monroe No 2	55 00			75	4 45	11 00	2 00	1 50	4 00	3 00		87 70	500
Bethel	F. A Marsh Marshville No. 1	60 00	1 50		1 25	6 25	22 01	3 00	3 00	15 00	5 00	1 60	118 62	300
Corinth	T. J. Caudle Monroe No. 4	40 00	11 22		1 00	28 48	1 50	2 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	97 20	330
Deep Springs	W. A. Caudle Peachland No. 1	50 00	9 55		1 00			2 00	2 00	3 00	4 00		71 55	500
Ebeneezer	G. W. Baucom Monroe No. 6	50 00			90	1 00	11 10	2 50	1 50	5 21	3 00		71 25	300
Fairfield	L. S. Williams Marshville No. 2	35 00	8 91		1 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00		50 91	400
Faulks	J. F. Moore Wingate No. 1	50 00	4 50		1 48		10 35	3 00	2 00	8 00	5 20		84 53	500
Herman	L W. Helms Waxhaw	75 00	2 25	15 00	75			12 00	6 00	15 00	7 00		132 90	300
Hamilton's Cross Roods	S. E. Hamilton Marshville	60 00		4 25	1 00		22 00	2 50	2 50	5 62	4 25		102 37	600
Hopewell	W. L. Biggers Unionville No. 1	100 00	3 38	16 48	2 05	4 30	21 30	8 00	3 00	11 00	5 00	2 00	176 47	600
King Street	J R. Eason Waxhaw	75 00	7 00		1 00	160 00			5 00	10 00	5 00		263 00	1500
Marshville	B. H. Griffin Peachland	150 00	30 50	10 00	2 75	736 67		12 75	7 59	46 14	4 63	4 34	1009 73	2200
Macedonia	A. L. Funderburk Monroe No. 1	50 00	16 71		1 35		3 00	2 50	2 30	7 00	3 50	1 00	86 08	500
Meadow Branch	Ira Mullis Wingate	200 00	6 71		3 35		45 05	25 51	19 45	53 34	27 13		897 54	1200
Mill Creek	T. F. James Unionville No. 2	68 50	7 00	2 25	1 00	1 25	6 00	5 00	5 00	15 00	6 00		114 75	100
Monroe	H. E. Copple Monroe	1150 00	172 94		3 50	1568 00	28 65	50 00	105 00	200 00	29 50	10 00	3312 59	18000
Mt. Pleasant	G. W. Parker Monroe No. 1	54 37		4 20	1 40	1 00	12 05	3 26	2 50	8 00	4 00		87 03	250
Mt. Olive	W. D. C. Gathings Marshville No 1	105 00	61 00		1 50	85 00	3 00	4 00	3 00	6 00	9 50		278 00	1000
Mt. Harmony	P. A. Fisher Matthews	100 00	25 00		70	20 00	2 50	8 00	5 00	20 00	20 00		209 20	1000
Mt. Spring	H. H. Moore Monroe No. 1	62 65	10 15			10 60	2 00	1 50	2 00	3 00	1 90		92 90	300
Mt. Moriah	P. H. Mills Marshville No. 3	22 95			1 51			1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	29 46	300
New Salem	John A. Helms Monroe	25 00	50		60				2 00		2 00		30 10	100
New Home	J. J. Williams Peachland No. 1	20 00			1 00			1 00	1 00	3 00	4 40		30 40	300
New Hope														
Oak Grove	C. B. Gordon Monroe No. 5	75 00			1 00	119 00	8 75	2 00	2 00	6 00	5 00	1 08	214 33	500
Olive Branch	C. S. Davis Olive Branch	75 00			1 50		1 00	1 82	2 23	5 00	3 01	1 25	102 62	800
Philadelphia	M. L. Baker Monroe No. 1	100 00	2 70	2 50	2 50	1 50	10 10	4 00	4 00	12 00	6 00		145 30	500
Pleasant Hill	Vann Smith Olive Branch				1 00		1 45	2 00	1 00	4 50	2 00	1 00	25 50	400
Roanoke	E. W. Price Monroe	25 00	6 70		60		1 57	1 60	1 00	3 42	2 40	1 00	46 39	250
Sandy Ridge	D. C. Montgomery Monroe No. 4	50 00	1 00		25			2 50		4 00	2 50		68 25	400
Sardis	O. V. Huunicutt Monroe No. 6				30			1 00		5 00	1 50		7 50	250
Shiloah	A. B. Helms Monroe No. 6	75 00	15 10		1 15		1 50	3 00	2 00	20 00	5 00		121 85	700
Union	B. F. Parker, pro tem Monroe No 1	90 00	10 00		1 50		14 20	4 61	5 50	30 00	10 00		169 81	750
Waxhaw	J. R. James Waxhaw	100 00	49 95	2 10	1 10			5 00	2 00	20 00	15 00		192 05	1200

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Total Number.	Average Attendance.	Baptisms from School	Number of Lesson Helps Taken.	Expenses and Contributions.
Antioch	J. A. Helms, Unionville R. F. D. 1	7	75	82	34	2	50	3 00
Benton's	J. S. Simpson, Monroe No. 2	5	23	28	20	0	50	1 35
Bethel	F. A. Marsh, Marshville No. 1	4	20	24	15	2	60	6 00
Corinth	R. W Helms, Monroe No. 4	5	59	64	45	7	162	3 58
Deep Springs	J. W. Dees, Marshville	5	40	45	30	3	36	4 28
Ebeneezer	W. T. Baucom, Monroe No. 6	5	----	----	----	5	----	------
Fairfield*								
Faulks	A. M. Newsome, Wingate No. 1	5	50	55	38	3	----	4 50
Herman*								
Hamilton	W. F. Griffin, Marshville	6	60	66	40	4	164	3 25
Hopewell	R. Pope, Unionville R. F. D. 1	10	85	95	28	8	75	5 20
King Street	J. T. Black, Waxhaw	6	30	36	20	0	90	10 00
Marshville	J. C. Morgan, Marshville	8	105	113	68	2	135	30 83
Macedonia	N. A. Funderburk, Monroe No. 4	6	47	53	35	2	45	4 00
Meadow Branch†	J. W. Bivens, N. W. Bivens, Wingate	20	309	329	213	9	360	94 00
Mill Creek†	T. F. James, W E. Williams, Unionville No. 2	7	60	67	36	0	200	6 00
Monroe	F. B. Ashcraft, Monroe	12	175	187	105	23	150	197 08
Mt. Pleasant	M. L. Davis, Monroe No. 1	4	40	44	30	6	40	7 16
Mt. Olive	J. T. Collins, White's Store	5	35	40	----	0	60	5 00
Mt. Harmony	J. E. Sustar, Matthews	4	73	74	40	5	100	8 00
Mt. Springs	J. R. Haire, Monroe No. 1	6	47	53	37	3	46	3 25
Mt. Moriah	James Earington, Marshville No. 3	--	----	----	----	--	----	------
New Hope*								
New Salem	W. H. Long, Monroe	6	34	40	17	--	96	2 10
New Home	N. G. Thomas, Peachland No. 1	6	40	46	35	2	44	4 00
Oak Grove	J. B. Underwood, Monroe No. 5	6	50	56	35	1	36	2 88
Olive Branch	W. L. Parker, Olive Branch	7	60	67	25	10	60	6 00
Philadelphia	M. L. Baker, Monroe No. 1	8	55	63	45	5	40	4 00
Pleasant Hill	T. F Bryant, Olive Branch	6	40	46	25	6	30	2 50
Roanoke	M. N. Bivens, Monroe No. 2	7	45	52	25	--	30	2 50
Sandy Ridge	D. C. Montgomery, Monroe No. 4	7	72	79	46	--	40	8 00
Sardis	Walter Presley, Monroe No. 6	5	65	70	----	--	----	3 00
Shiloh	A. B. Helms, Monroe No. 6	9	69	78	38	4	60	3 00
Union	L. L. Parker, Monroe No. 1	5	50	55	27	3	72	11 50
Waxhaw	Z. W. Newell, Mineral Springs	6	55	61	55	9	155	3 75

* No S S. Report.

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Minutes of the Fifty-Second Session of the Union Baptist Association, held with Shiloh Church, October 11, 12, 13, 14, 1906. :::::

Officers of the Association:

J. W. Bivens, Moderator ..... Wingate, N. C.
H. E. Copple, Vice Moderator ..... Monroe, N. C.
R. F. Beasley, Clerk ..... Monroe, N. C.
F. B. Ashcraft, Treasurer ..... Monroe, N. C.

Trustees of Wingate School:

J. W. Bivens, Thos. E. Williams, J. B. Mangum, J. F. Moore, F. M. Sutton, W. P. Griffin, J. E. Sustar, I. A. Clontz, O. M. Sanders, J. A. Bivens, B. F. Parker, A. E. Rushing, E C. Williams, J. F. Gordon, J. L. Bennett.

Executive Board:

O. M. Sanders, F. B. Ashcraft, T. B. Ashcraft, Jas. H. Williams, J. A. Bivens.

Ordained Ministers:

J. A. Bivens ..... R. F. D. No. 3, Monroe, N. C.
D. A. Snider ..... Wingate, N. C.
T. P. Little ..... Marshville, N. C.
S. R. Brock ..... Marshville, N. C.
A. C. Davis ..... Olive Branch, N. C.
A. Marsh ..... Marshville, N. C.
J. L. Bennett ..... Marshville, N. C.
M. D. L. Preslar ..... R. F. D. No. 1, Monroe, N. C.
J. G. Gulledge ..... R. F. D. No. 1, Monroe, N. C.
M. C. King ..... Robeson, S. C.
R. H. James ..... Marshville, N. C.
H. G. Bryant ..... Olive Branch, N. C.
T. C. Irby .....
C. A. G. Thomas ..... Monroe, N. C.
W. F. Estridge ..... Waxhaw, N. C.
H. J. Aycock ..... Monroe, N. C.

Place of next meeting: King Street, Waxhaw.

Minutes of the Fifty-Second Annual Session of the Union Baptist Association.

The fifty-second annual session of the Union Baptist Association met with the Shiloh church on Thursday, October 11. After the introductory sermon by Rev. C. A. Davis, followed by recess, Bro. J. W. Bivens, the vice Moderator of the preceding session, called the association to order and a scripture lesson was read by Bro. Harrell of Thomasville.

Letters from the churches were called for and the following delegates were found to be present:

Antioch—J. A. Helms, A. F. Hagler, M. S. Baucom.
Benton's Cross Roads—J. L. Benton, J. K. Trull.
Bethel—H. D. Leonard.
Corinth—W. E. Helms, J. S. Spittle, C. M. Hasty.
Deep Springs—J. D. High.
Ebeneezer—M. A. Helms, J. D. Helms, H. W. Hasty.
Fairfield—L. S. Williams.
Faulks—T. S. Haney.
Hopewell—W. P. Griffin, W. J. Connell, J. C. Hough.
Hermon—W. H. Helms, J. N. Bigham.
Hamilton's—R. A. Hamilton, Alex. Holmes.
King Street—J. R. Eason.
Macedonia—J. B. Mangum, W. E. Funderburk.
Meadow Branch—W. E. L. Williams, T. J. Williams.
Mill Creek—J. M. Braswell, J. S. James, Alonzo Braswell.
Monroe—J. H. Benton, H. E. Copple, J. J. Moody.
Mt. Pleasant—J. C. Walden, C. C. Parker.
Mt. Olive—R. D. Redfearn.
Mt. Harmony—B. A. Sustar.
Mt. Springs—W. D. Hasty, W. H. Collins.
Mt. Moriah—W. B. Earington, A. E. Timmons, P. H. Mills.
New Salem—D. J. Helms.
New Home—
New Hope—
Oak Grove—Tom Mullis, C. B. Gordon.
Philadelphia—J. L. Autrey.
Pleasant Hill—John Birmingham, W. D. Smith.
Roanoke—E. N. Price, J. H. Price.
Sandy Ridge—G. J. Richardson, A. F. Helms.
Shiloh—F. M. Helms, G. C. Garrison, W. J. Sutton.
Union—J. V. Trull, J. W. Snider.
Waxhaw—E. G. Yarbrough, T. N. Sims, L. M. Riner.

Rev. A. C. Davis moves that the rules be suspended and that all officers be elected by acclamation. The motion is carried, and J. W. Bivens is unanimously elected moderator, H. E. Copple vice moderator, R. F. Beasley clerk, and F. B. Ashcraft treasurer.

A letter from North Monroe church is received, with the request that the church be admitted into the association.

C. A. G. Thomas, J. A. Bivens and J. L. Bennett

are appointed a committee on church admission, and the request turned over to them.

The Moderator announces as committe on order of business, H. E. Copple, M. D. L. Preslar, J. R. Eason. The committee at once report as follows:

This afternoon—Temperance.
Friday, 9:30—Devotional Exercises.
10:00—Periodicals.
10:45—Orphanage.
11:30—Aged Ministers' Relief.
12:15—Recess.

Rev. Mr. Harrell, representing the Orphanage, and S. F. Conrad of the North Carolina Baptist are welcomed.

The report on Temperance is called for, and the appointed writer, Rev. R. H. James, states that he is not ready to report. The subject is, however, taken up and discussed and the writer given permission to hand report to the Clerk. Interesting speeches are made by S. F. Conrad, C. A. G. Thomas, A. C. Davis, R. H. James, O. C. Curlee, J. L. Bennett.

The committee on Church Reception make report, recommending the reception of North Monroe. The church is received and the Moderator extends a welcome to the messengers.

The Moderator announces the following committees:

Spiritual Condition—R. D. Redfearn, W. E. L Williams, H. D. Leonard.

Finance—J. J. Moody, J. B. Mangum, W. P. Griffin.

Requests and Queries—C. A. G. Thomas, W. B. Smith, M. S. Baucom.

Obituaries—J. K. Trull, J. D. Helms, M. N. Bivens.

Rev. A. C. Davis moves that during the session all speeches be limited to ten minutes, except by permission of the association.

The committee on Hospitality reads assignment of homes to delegates, and, on motion, the association adjourns.

Friday's Proceedings.

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. R. H. James, the association was called to order, the minutes are read and approved, and the roll call shows the following delegates present:

Antioch—J. A. Helms, A. F. Hagler, M. S. Baucom.
Benton's—J. L. Benton, J. K. Trull.
Bethel—H. D. Leonard.
Corinth—W. E. Helms, J. S. Spittle, C. M. Hasty.
Deep Springs—J. D. High.
Ebeneezer—J. D. Helms, H. W. Hasty.
Fairfield—L. S. Williams.
Faulks—T. S. Haney.
Hopewell—W. P. Griffin, N. J. Connell, J. C. Hough.
Hermon—W. H. Helms.
Hamilton—R. A. Hamilton, Alex. Holmes.
King Street—J. R. Eason.
Marshville—A. Marsh, H. P. Bass.

Macedonia—J. B. Mangum, W. E. Funderburk.
Meadow Branch—W. E. L. Williams, T. J. Williams, J. K. Bivens.
Mill Creek—J. M. Braswell, J. S. James, Alonzo Braswell.
Monroe—J. J. Moody.
Mt. Pleasant—J. C. Walden, C. C. Parker.
Mt. Olive—R. D. Redfearn.
Mt. Harmony—B. A. Sustar, M. L. Helms.
Mt. Moriah—W. B. Earington, A. E. Timmons, P. H. Mills.
New Salem—J. A. Helms, D. J. Helms.
North Monroe—M. N. Bivens.
Oak Grove—C. B. Gordon.
Philadelphia—J L. Autrey.
Pleasant Hill—John Birmingham, W. B. Smith.
Sandy Ridge—G. J. Richardson, A. F. Helms.
Shiloh—G. C. Garrison, W. J. Sutton.
Waxhaw—E. G. Yarbrough, T. N. Sims, L. M. Riner.

The subject of Periodicals is taken up and discussed by Brethren Conrad, Harrell, Bennett, Beasley, Copple and Ashcraft, and the report is read and adopted.

Report on Periodicals.

The religious newspaper is an indispensable medium for disseminating information concerning the work of religious people. Consequently, that the Baptists of our State keep in touch with the work of our denomination, it is absolutely necessary that we take and read our denominational papers. Therefore we urgently request the head of every family in our association to take all, or at least some, of our papers. The Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, the Foreign and Home Mission Journal, and The Baptist Messenger should be in every family.

Brethren, take and read these papers and especially place them in the hands of your children; and keep all obnoxious literature from the hands and hearts of your children.

Respectfully submitted,
H. E. COPPLE.

The Moderator calls for report and delegate from the Woman's Missionary Society, according to an act of the last association, to which there is no response.

The time for the discussion of the Orphanage having arrived, the report is read, as follows:

Report on Orphanage.

Number of children, 320. Number of employees: males, 7; females, 21. Number of teachers, 9. Pastor, Geo. P. Harrill. Preaching 1st and 3rd Sunday, morning and afternoon. Circulation of Charity and Children, 10,250. Sunday schools giving monthly collections, 356. Land 400 acres, worth $15,000; buildings worth $60,000. Invested fund, $102,000. Total value of all property, $177,000.

The per capita cost of maintaining a child is a little

more than $6.00 a month, and this includes not only the food, clothing, books and other necessary expenses, but the salaries of all the employees and other expenses that enter into the conduct of the institution. The Baptist people of North Caroiina is the only source of supply to which the Orphanage can look. Our people have always provided the daily bread. If one thousand Sunday schools would make a monthly contribution to the Orphanage, all of its needs would be met so far as the running expenses are concerned. There remains a debt of about $3,000 on the institution, as a result of the fever scourge and the establishing of the water works, that should be wiped out. Let us increase our pledges and contributions to this work.

Respectfully submitted,
A. C. DAVIS.

After earnest speeches by Rev. G. P. Harrell, J. L. Bennett, R. H. James and A. C. Davis, the report is adopted and pledges taken as follows: Antioch, $4.00; Benton's, $3.00; Bethel, $5.00; Corinth, $10.00; Deep Springs, $4.00; Ebeneezer, $4.00; Fairfield, $2.50 (paid); Faulks, $8.00; Hopewell, $6.00; Hermon, $5.00; Hamilton's, $5.85 (paid); King Street, $10.00 ($1 paid); Marshville, $20.00; Macedonia, $5.00; Meadow Branch, $40.00; Mill Creek, $7.00; Monroe, $150.00; Mt. Pleasant, $4.00; Mt. Olive, $6.00; Mt. Harmony, $25.00; New Salem, $2.50; New Home, $3.00; Oak Grove, $7.04; North Monroe, $4.00; Philadelphia, $6.00; Pleasant Hill, $4.00; Roanoke, $2.22 (paid); Sandy Ridge, $4.00; Sardis, $2.00; Shiloh, $6.00; Waxhaw, $20.00. A cash collection is taken, which amounts to $22.67.

R. F. Beasley introduces the following resolution, which, after a brief discussion, is unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That this association earnestly request every Sunday school superintendent in the association to take a monthly collection in his school for the Orphanage, and that they begin this work at once, in addition to the regular Orphanage contribution by the church."

On the suggestion of Rev. J. A. Bivens, a voluntary cash collection is put upon the Clerk's table for the purpose of paying the expenses of Rev. R. H. James on a visit to the Orphanage. The contribution amounted to $6.90, and Bro. James stated that he would go with pleasure.

The report on Aged Ministers' Relief is read, and after an interesting discourse is adopted as follows:

Report on Aged Ministers' Relief.

Shall we support our old and worn ministers who have lived out their years of productiveness in the service of the Lord, or shall we refuse to do so and let these poor servants of God suffer in their poverty the sting of hunger and humiliation and force them to beg, to go to the county home as paupers? Or shall we support them and save them from suffering with broken hearts and keep these old saints of Zion glad by show-

ing our appreciation of their services as servants of the Lord by supporting them well?

O. C. CURLEE.

The Moderator appoints the pastor and deacons of Shiloh church a committee on Religious Exercises.

After the noon recess prayer is offered by A. C. Davis, and the subject of Woman's Work is taken up, the report read as follows, discussed and adopted:

Woman's Work.

The Woman's Missionary Union has been a recognized auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and of the State conventions, for eighteen years. In that time its financial help in the Mission work has been remarkable—$152,000 having been contributed by the Union to the various mission boards last year alone. But the financial aid, great as it has been, has been but a small part of the work—the development of the christian activity of our women being its greatest feature.

Some years ago a union was organized in this association, but there are now but three local unions—those in the churches at Monroe, Marshville and Wingate. The collections made by these unions go as contributions from the churches, and they are under the full control of the churches, and are found to be the best means of eliciting the active work of the women in the business of the church.

We hereby earnestly request that our pastors take up the work of organizing societies in all their churches, either by organizing them themselves or securing some of the women to do so, earnestly believing that the pastors would find in such active work of the societies a most powerful aid in all the church's undertakings.

Also that each society so formed shall send one delegate to the general meeting to be held on Friday of each association.

The work needs the women and the women need the work.

R. F. BEASLEY.

At this time the women present are invited to meet in the school house near the church, where a missionary society for Shiloh church is formed.

On motion the subject of Home Missions is deferred till tomorrow, to be discussed with Foreign Missions.

The deferred report on Temperance is read by S. F. Conrad and adopted.

Report on Temperance.

Less than ten years ago, liking only a few, half the distilleries in the United States were in North Carolina. Now there are only about 25 counties where liquor is sold either by a dispensary or in licensed saloons. All this has come not so much from legislation against it as by the direct action of the people. A large number of counties by a change in sentiment have voted out the saloons. While this is most gratifying as to our own State, yet as a nation we are practically dominated by

the liquor traffic. Many States and a large number of cities are practically run and are under the dictation of liquor organizations. If figures are to be relied upon, we are fast becoming a nation of drunkards. In 1880 there was consumed on an average per capita in the United States, 10 9-100 gallons. In 1905 there was consumed per capita 20 29-100 gallons. The users of alcoholic drinks is estimated to be one-fourth the population of the country, which at the estimated retail cost for drinks the users of alcoholic beverages paid 17 2-10 cents per day, or $62.52 per year. The American Grocer, a liquor paper, estimates the cost of wine, beer and whiskies consumed in the United States for 1904, at $1,277,-727,190.

As great and alarming as these figures are, we would urge that our people preach and talk temperance in their homes; that the teachers in our Sunday schools emphasize the enormity of the drink evil; that our preachers use the Bible often against drunkenness and its consequent evils; that our citizenship see to it that they do not support men for office who are friendly to the liquor traffic. Respectfully submitted,

R. H. JAMES.

The committee on Requests and Queries report that "Antioch, Ebeneezer, Hermon, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Springs, North Monroe, Pleasant Hill and Shiloh request the prayers of the association. Roanoke requests $25 to supplement pastor's salary. Waxhaw, Hopewell and King Street invite the next session of the association."

The delegates from Waxhaw state that they withdraw their request in favor of King Street, and a vote is taken, which stands 12 for Hopewell and 16 for King Street, the association going to the latter place next year.

Rev. C. A. G. Thomas is appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next session, Rev. A. C. Davis alternate.

The committee on Obituaries report that twenty-three brethren and sisters in the churches of the association died since last meeting, and recommended that the sympathy of the body be extended. The report is adopted.

The trustees of Wingate School make report, which is adopted, as follows:

The Wingate School.

The last, or tenth, session of the Wingate School was one of the best in its history. The work in all of its departments was of a high order, and the patronage liberal.

At the beginning of the present session, for the first time in the history of the school, the work was interrupted by the sickness of the principal, Prof. M. B. Dry. But the school has been under the efficient management of Prof. T. B. Ashcraft, who, with his competent assist-

ants, are doing the work well; and the enrollment is now 109, of whom 33 are boarding students. On account of the continued sickness of Prof. Dry, the trustees have found it necessary to employ one assistant teacher for the high school work.

The indebtedness of the school has all been paid with the exception of a balance of $23.96 on the piano. During the year repairs have been made on the building and furniture to the amount of about $75.00.

The Baptist Messenger, edited by Profs. Dry and Ashcraft, is the property of the school, and we solicit for it the support of the association. The term of office of five of the trustees, viz: I. A. Clonts, J. F. Gordon, J. L. Bennett, T. E. Williams and A. E. Rushing, expires with this session of the association; and there is one vacancy on the board, caused by the death of our beloved brother, J. C. Sikes.

Rev. C. A. G. Thomas moves that the trustees apportion among the churches the amount of salary of the teacher employed during the illness of Prof. Dry, and ask them to pay it. Motion is carried.

The Treasurer offers his report, which is adopted:

Statement of Amounts Received and Disbursed for Associational Year Ending October 10, 1906.

Collected for State missions	$ 334 81	
Paid to State missions		$ 247 97
Amount on hand		86 84
Collected for Foreign missions	569 90	
Paid to Foreign missions		569 90
Collected for Home missions	268 47	
Paid to Home missions		268 47
Collected for Ministerial Education	22 58	
Paid to Ministerial Education		22 58
Collected for Orphanage	403 86	
Paid to Orphanage		403 86
Collected for Aged ministers	37 23	
Paid to Aged ministers		37 23
Collected for Minute fund	44 13	
Paid for Minutes and Clerk		44 13
Collected for Wingate School	18 28	
Paid to Wingage School		18 28
Collected for Sunday school miss'ns	12 00	
Paid to Sunday school missions		12 00

Total amount collected	1,711 26
Total amount paid out	1,624 42
Amount on hand	86 84

F. F. ASHCRAFT, Treas.

A. G. Davis, E. G. Yarbrough and B. A. Sustar are appointed a committee to nominate trustees for Wingate School, and they report the following nominations: I. A. Clontz, T. E. Williams, J. L. Bennett, A. E. Rushing, J. F. Gordon to succeed themselves, and B. F. Parker to fill unexpired term of Bro. J. C. Sikes. These brethren are elected.

The Treasurer reports a deficit of $4.05, amount which churches failed to send for expenses of Rev. W. F. Watson to convention, and a cash collection is taken to pay same.

Rev. C. A. G. Thomas moves that the Clerk be instructed to write to each of the brethren appointed to make reports, one month before the meeting of the association, and call their attention to the matter.

Rev. A. C. Davis is appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, C. A. G. Thomas alternate.

The following are appointed delegates to the State Convention: A. C. Davis, J. L. Bennett, C. A. G. Thomas, M. N. Bivens, M. D. L. Preslar, R. H. James, J. M. Braswell, J. E. Sustar, J. R. Eason, J. T. Griffin, B. A. Sustar, W. B. Smith.

On motion the association adjourns.

Saturday's Session.

Religious exercises conducted by Rev. A. Marsh, and the Moderator calls the association to order.

The minutes are read, corrected, and approved.

The roll is called and the following delegates are found to be present:

Antioch—J. A. Helms, A. F. Hagler, M. S. Baucom.
Benton's Cross Roads—J. L. Benton.
Bethel—H. D. Leonard.
Corinth—W. E. Helms, J. S. Little, C. M. Hasty.
Deep Springs—J. D. High.
Hermon—O. M. Sanders.
Hamilton's—R. A. Hrmilton, Alec Holmes.
King Street—J. R. Eason.
Marshville—A. Marsh, H. P. Bass.
Macedonia—J. B. Mangum, W. E. Funderburk.
Meadow Branch—W. E. L. Williams, T. J. Williams.
Mill Creek—J. M. Braswell, J. S. James.
Monroe—J. J. Moody.
Mt. Pleasant—J. C. Walden, C. C. Parker.
Mt. Olive—R. D. Redfearn.
Mt. Harmony—M. L. Helms.
New Salem—J. A. Helms, D. J. Helms.
North Monroe—M. N. Bivens.

Philadelphia—J. L. Autrey.
Pleasant Hill—John Birmingham, W. B. Smith.
Roanoke—E. N. Price, J. H. Price.
Shiloh—G. E. Garrison, W. J. Sutton.
Waxhaw—E. G. Yarbrough.

Rev. B. S. Funderburk of Chesterfield and Dr. E. W. Sikes of Wake Forest are welcomed to the floor.

The subject of Foreign Missions is taken up and the report read by the writer, as follows:

Foreign Missions.

Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, is a positive command from our Savior. Let us obey. The prosperous condition of our country, the growing spirit of liberality, the wide open doors, the great movements and crises in foreign lands, the constant and pathetic appeals of the missionaries for reinforcements—in all these things the voice of God, like a silver trumpet, is calling for us to go forward. With a faith that honors God let us undertake great things this year.

We have 214 churches in heathen lands, with a membership of 12,894. There were 2,445 baptized last year in heathen lands.

If we would have the approval of God rest on us at home and abroad, in temporal and spiritual things, for time and eternity, let us be loyal and true to him, and seek to rescue those he loves and for whom he shed his precious blood. Oh, that all God's people would awake to their most sacred obligation to God and the objects of his love!

J. L. BENNETT.

The subject is discussed by Rev. J. L. Bennett and W. B. Smith, and the report is adopted.

Rev. B. S. Funderburk reads the report on

Home Missions.

Your committee to report on Home missions begs leave to submit the following:

In the Providence of God we are brought face to face with conditions on the Home field that demand profound thought, wise planning, faithful, prayerful and aggressive work. When we recount God's blessings upon the efforts of the Home board in what has been accomplished and what is possible to us just now, the situation is encouraging and full of hope. There seems to be among our people a new spirit, a determined effort to conquor the land for Christ. There seems to be among us the spirit of evangelism; this we are glad to know. There is that longing for the salvation of lost souls that we have not seen before. The people seem to be bent on soul-winning. This idea was given expression in Chattanooga, Tenn., at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention, in the establishing of an evangelistic agency under the Home board. In our opinion great possibilities are before this agency. May there be during the present convention year a national revival that

will sweep our country from shore to shore. But let us turn to the fields of labor of the Home Mission Board.

1. Mission Fields in the West.—The West and Southwest is the richest agricultural portion of the American continent. Immigration is pouring in on this territory and rapidly filling it up with all kinds of people. There is a sublime opportunity for turning these people to Christ. Now is the time to save these people and their money for the Master. The missionary should be on the ground when these people land, because the first short while will determine for these people what they will do with themselves and their money. And what is made of these people now will determine what the country will be in the future. Let us notice some special fields in the West.

Arkansas—The Baptists in this State have been torn by division and strife, but they are now practically united and are working together and making rapid advance.

Louisiana—The destitution in this State distresses one. I wish our Baptist brotherhood could lift up their eyes and get just one glimpse of the destitution as it really exists throughout the State. There are sixteen counties in which there is not a Baptist church; more than fifty towns in which there is no Baptist church or preacher to witness for Christ and his truth. What a spectacle! Then the city of New Orleans, a city of over 300,000 souls, with one self-supporting Baptist church! Brethren in Christ, look with compassion on this field and come to the help of these people as never before.

Texas—The State of marvelous progress along all lines. Baptists are progressing and triumphing in this great State. Last year, on the co-operative plan, there were expended over $5,000, and there were over 4,000 baptisms and more than 200 churches organized. And yet the destitution in Texas is as great as in any other State, perhaps.

2. Mission Fields in the East.—The greatest destitution in the Southern States is in the cities. Many of our people have made the great mistake of leaving the country and moving to the larger cities, and so there is great need for missionary work in the cities, and the Home board is helping every State within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. We hope the time is near at hand when all these older States will be able to do all the mission work needed in their bounds.

Mountain Missions and Schools—For the past year the Home board has been spending most effort in strengthening schools already established. Only two new schools have been added during last convention year: one in Alabama and one in Tennessee. The Home Mission Board has now twenty-one schools that it is helping in the mountain district; of these North Carolina has eight. Omitting many things that might be mentioned in this report, let us hear the conclusion.

In the mountain school work great progress has been made in larger gifts of the people among whom these schools are located, and better work has been done in

these schools because of improved facilities. The spiritual life of the people has been deepened and quickened. From every viewpoint the work of the Home board is very bright and encouraging. May we rise and embrace the great opportunity that now faces us and lay ourselves to the work as never before.

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

The subject is eloquently discussed by the writer and Dr. Sikes, and the report is adopted.

The subject of State Missions is taken up. The appointed writer is absent. Dr. Sikes makes a very timely and earnest speech at the request of the association. Rev. A. C. Davis states that the State work laid out for the present year is on a basis of $30,000, only half of which has been provided, and calls for support of the State board.

Rev. J. A. Bivens states that he has missed but one session of the association in forty-two years, and wants the brethren to take to heart what has been said, and remember that only the religion of Christ can accomplish the things desired.

Rev. A. C. Davis moves that every pastor be requested to take a special collection for State missions for the present year's work, before the convention meets. The motion is carried.

Pledges are taken for the several objects for the next year.

The Moderator announces as a committee to nominate executive board, A. Marsh, I. A. Clontz, W. P. Griffin.

Afternoon Session.

The Association is called to order.

The committee to nominate executive committee report the following nominees: O. M. Sanders, F. B. Ashcraft, Jas. H. Williams, J. A. Bivens, T. B. Ashcraft. On motion these brethren are elected.

The report on Education is read as follows:

Report on Education.

If growth and development in body makes one stronger physically and better fits him for manual labor, it stands to reason that the training of the mind and heart better fits him for the higher and more spiritual duties.

Of the progress of our public schools we are proud, there having been built nearly one thousand school houses within our State during the administration of Governors Aycock and Glenn. But the sad part in our own county is that so many do not attend the schools provided for them. We urge that all parents of the association give their children the best advantages possible in primary education.

The time has come when an education higher than the public schools offer, is not only needed but required

if we mean to be successful in the race of life. We believe that the dissemination of learning will result in more efficient work for the Master. We believe that higher education should be distinctly christian. As a denomination we should support our own schools. As a high school, Wingate deserves your earnest support and patronage. For collegiate training, Wake Forest College, with a glorious history, stands without a peer in the South; and the Baptist University for Women is the young sister of Wake Forest and deserves equally your hearty support and co-operation. Above all, Baptist schools need Baptist support, without which they cannot exist, much less thrive. We recommend that we lose no opportunity for the education, both primary and higher, of the children of this association, and that we do all we can for the educational interests of the State.

Respectfully submitted, T. B. ASHCRAFT.

Dr. Sikes speaks on the report, and the report is adopted.

The Moderator announces the following writers for next year:

Foreign Missions—W. B. Smith.
State Missions—M. D. L. Preslar.
Home Missions—O. M. Sanders.
Orphanage—R. H. James.
Education—R. D. Redfearn.
Periodicals—T. B. Ashcraft.
Aged Ministers' Relief—H. E. Copple.
Temperance—Rev. W. F. Ethridge.
Woman's Work—Rev. C. A. G. Thomas.
Sunday Schools—F. B. Ashcraft.

Finance committee reports as follows: Minute fund, $48.71; State missions, $70.84; Home missions, $49.24; Foreign missions, $121.24; Orphanage, $52.34; Aged ministers, $18.80; Wingate School, $4.00; Ministerial education, $1.05—total, $369.43.

The following resolution is adopted: "Resolved, That the thanks of the association be extended to the people of Shiloh and vicinity for the kind hospitality shown delegates and visitors."

The following report is read by the committee on

Spiritual Condition of the Churches.

The digest of the letters by your committee on the spiritual condition of the churches, shows marked progress for the past year. Last year there was a net gain of 69 members in the association, and for the present year 255—or 188 over the past year.

In 1905 we paid our pastors about $3,298, and in 1906 about $3,550—or in other words there was a gain of $252. For the year just closed we find that there was a gain in most of our contributions to special objects of about 7 per cent.

These figures seem small, but if we consider the great results that will be attained in a few years if this increase is continued, the time is not far distant when

we will wonder that we did such a little for the advancement of His kingdom. If the material things we do is a criterion by which we are to judge our spiritual condition, we are compelled to conclude that progress is the word that marks our spiritual history for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. REDFEARN,
W. E. L. WILLIAMS,
H. LEONARD,
Committee.

The executive committee reports as follows:

Report of Executive Committee.

Your committee beg leave to report that we have appropriated nothing for missions within the bounds of our association, but turned all the State mission funds over to the State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

O. M. SANDERS, for Committee.

Committee on devotional exercises report that a Sunday school mass meeting will be held at Waxhaw tomorrow, and an address by Dr. Sikes at 11 o'clock.

Bro. L. Johnson, secretary of the State Mission Board, having arrived, the privilege of the floor is extended him to make such remarks as he chooses. He makes a very interesting and instructive speech on the subject of State Missions.

A motion is adopted that all funds now in the hands of State missions be turned over to Bro. Johnson.

Motion is adopted allowing usual compensation for services and printing and distributing the minutes.

On motion, the Association adjourns.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor Fund.	Minute Fund.	Repairs.	Other Objects.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers' Relief.	Total Contributions.	Value of Ch. Property.
Antioch	J. F. Hagler—Unionville No. 1	$ 50 00	5 75	10 00	1 20			85	2 50	7 00	2 65	90	80 85	350 00
Benton's Cross Roads	J. S. Simpson—Monroe No. 2	50 00		2 69	50		14 25	2 00	1 50	4 00	3 00	75	78 79	250 00
Bethel	H. B. Moore—Marshville No. 1	50 00	8 40	14 00	1 25	341 08	19 00	3 00	3 00	15 00	5 00	1 61	461 34	700 00
Corinth	R. W. Helms—Monroe No. 1	60 00	18 69		1 20	45 00		2 00	2 00	5 00	6 00	1 50	131 39	375 00
Deep Springs	W. A Caudle—Peachland No. 1	50 00	12 90		1 00			3 25	2 00	5 00	3 25	1 00	78 20	500 00
Ebeneezer	G. W. Baucom—Monroe No. 6	50 00		1 65	1 00		2 50		2 00	5 00	3 00		65 15	500 00
Fairfield	L. S. Williams—Monroe No. 2	35 00	6 56		1 20	1 05			1 50	3 00	2 50		50 81	400 00
Faulks	J. F. Moore—Wingate No. 1	50 00	2 00	20 00				3 00	2 00	8 00	5 00		90 00	500 00
Herman	Edw. Bigham—Waxhaw No. 2	60 00		10 00	1 00		2 50						73 50	350 00
Hamilton's Cross Roads	M. L Sinclair—Marshville No. 4	60 00	11 57	5 25	1 25		3 20	3 37	3 33	6 60	5 89		100 39	500 00
Hopewell	W. L. Biggers—Unionville No. 1	100 00	2 27	19 55	2 59		16 84	8 00	3 00	11 00	6 55	1 09	170 85	600 00
King Street—Waxhaw	J. R. Cason—Waxhaw	104 17			1 00	82 00		2 00	2 00	5 00	6 66	1 00	203 85	1500 00
Macedonia	A L. Funderburk—Monroe No. 1	60 00	14 00	5 00	1 25		1 00	3 00	2 60	7 00	9 20	1 36	13 41	500 00
Marshville	B. H Griffin—Peachland	150 00	74 00		3 00		2 90	14 87	7 41	42 03	23 55	4 71	322 47	
Meadow Branch	Ira Mullis—Wingate	200 00	4 42		3 41			32 08	30 65	67 00	30 00	6 45	374 01	1200 00
Mill Creek	T. F. James—Unionville No. 2	105 30			1 60	1,095 52	6 00	5 00	5 00	12 00	6 00	1 00	1237 12	1125 00
Monroe	H. E Copple—Monroe	1,045 00	260 50	8 65	4 00	1,000 18	100 00	50 00	150 19	200 00	36 00	15 00	2888 85	18000 00
Mt. Pleasant	B. L. Godwin—Monore No. 1	56 00		2 45	80	1 60	11 50	2 50	2 00	6 00	4 05	70	87 60	250 00
Mt. Olive	W. D. C. Gathings—Marshville No. 1	100 00	35 00		1 75			3 00	3 30	10 00	5 02	1 06	159 13	1000 00
Mt. Harmony	B. T. Sustar—Matthews	100 00	31 25		1 00	110 00		8 00	5 00	20 00	20 00		295 25	1200 00
Mountain Springs	W. H. Collins—Monroe No. 1	100 00			1 10	139 80	16 25	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		265 15	400 00
Mt. Moriah	P. H. Mills—Marshville No. 1	50 00			1 40			1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	57 40	300 00
New Salem	J. A. Helms—Monroe No. 3	25 00	4 40		45			1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	50	35 35	175 00
New Home	J. J. Williams—Peachland No. 1	30 00			1 00		8 75	2 10	3 15	3 00	2 60		50 00	300 00
New Hope														
North Monroe	Miles N. Bivens—Monroe	100 00	26 10	12 46	1 80		23 15						163 51	500 00
Oak Grove	C. B. Gordon—Monroe No. 5	75 00	1 50	8 00	80		11 25	2 00	2 00	7 00	7 50		115 07	750 00
Olive Branch	H. T. Baucom—Olive Branch	75 00				66 75	18 68	2 70	2 74	5 03	6 00	3 50	180 40	
Philadelphia	M. L. Baker—Monroe No. 1	100 00	8 05	8 50	2 50		8 10	4 00	4 00	12 00	5 00		144 05	400 00
Pleasant Hill	T. F. Bryant—Olive Branch No. 1	40 00	25 00		1 00			2 00	2 00	5 00	4 00		79 00	
Roanoke	J. H. Price—Monroe	40 00	11 00		1 00	61 00	96 55	2 90	2 65	4 84	2 20	1 90	137 09	400 00
Sandy Ridge	D. C. Montgomery—Monroe No. 4	65 00	4 00		80			2 00	1 25	4 00	2 50		79 55	400 00
Sardis	O. V. Hunnicutt—Monroe				50			2 00		5 00	2 00		9 50	200 00
Shiloh	A. B. Helms—Monroe No. 6	75 00	57	2 95	1 25	3 50	67 50	3 15	3 00	15 00	5 25	2 00	179 17	700 00
Union	H. H Parker—Monroe No. 1	90 00	15 00	6 39	1 50		13 05	5 69	5 91	30 00	9 19		176 68	1700 00
Waxhaw	J. R. James—Waxhaw	150 00	23 00		1 31	2 00		5 00	2 00	20 00	15 00	1 00	219 31	150 00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS DURING CLOSING YEAR.	Baptized	Received by Letter.	Restored.	No. Dismissed by Let'r.	Number Excluded.	Number Died.	Number Males in Church.	Number Females in Church.	Total Membership of Church.	Net Loss.	Net Gain.
Antioch	M. D. L. Preslar	3	2	--	--	2	--	27	43	70	--	5
Benton's Cross Roads	M. D. L. Preslar	11	3	1	3	1	--	23	46	69	--	11
Bethel	J. A. Bivens	2	--	--	--	--	4	22	26	48	2	--
Corinth	H. G. Bryant	9	7	2	3	3	--	37	45	82	--	10
Deep Springs	A. Marsh	11	2	--	3	2	2	29	61	90	--	6
Ebeneezer	J. G. Gulledge	--	2	1	3	--	--	29	60	89	--	--
Fairfield	T. P. Little	1	--	--	1	1	--	18	30	48	1	--
Faulks	D. A. Snider	12	--	--	4	--	1	56	100	150	--	7
Herman	J. L. Bennett	4	2	--	2	--	1	28	52	80	--	3
Hamilton's Cross Roads	A. Marsh	21	3	--	7	1	2	50	50	100	--	14
Hopewell	J. A. Bivens	6	4	--	9	1	--	63	92	155	--	--
King Street—Waxhaw	W. F. Estridge	--	13	--	--	--	--	30	34	64	--	13
Macedonia	J. A. Bivens	2	2	--	4	3	--	57	58	95	3	--
Marshville	G. O. Wilhoit	15	14	2	7	1	1	91	136	227	--	22
Meadow Branch	B.S.Funderburk	45	11	3	28	--	--	145	194	339	--	31
Mill Creek	A. Marsh	32	--	9	3	2	--	83	101	184	--	36
Monroe	C. A. G. Thomas	--	9	--	7	1	--	108	165	273	--	1
Mt. Pleasant	H. G Bryant	8	3	--	13	1	1	44	67	111	4	--
Mt. Olive	M. D. L. Preslar	8	--	--	1	--	1	30	43	73	--	6
Mt. Harmony	J. L. Bennett	43	5	2	13	--	--	70	104	174	--	37
Mountain Springs	D. A. Snider	13	10	3	--	1	--	48	36	84	--	25
Mt. Moriah	J. G. Gulledge	1	1	--	1	2	1	48	45	93	2	--
New Salem	S. R Brock	--	--	--	--	--	1	14	27	41	1	--
New Home	A Marsh	5	--	--	4	--	--	14	25	39	--	1
New Hope		--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
North Monroe	D. A. Snider	11	41	--	3	1	--	31	49	80	--	48
Oak Grove	J. L. Bennett	23	2	3	2	18	--	47	62	109	--	8
Olive Branch	G. O. Wilhoit	3	2	2	--	3	--	35	88	123	--	4
Philadelphia	D. A. Snider	5	5	--	8	5	2	71	122	193	5	--
Pleasant Hill	A. C. Davis	13	1	1	3	7	1	42	77	119	--	4
Roanoke	J. A Bivens	--	3	--	2	6	--	16	15	31	5	--
Sandy Ridge	T. P. Little	11	5	1	4	5	1	59	74	133	--	7
Sardis	M. D. L. Preslar	4	--	--	--	--	--	21	23	44	--	4
Shiloh	M. D. L. Preslar	6	4	1	6	6	3	66	96	162	4	--
Union	A. Marsh	2	2	--	7	3	--	41	58	99	6	--
Waxhaw	J. W. Little	4	2	1	21	--	1	64	123	187	15	--

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Officers and Teachers	Number of Scholars.	Total Number.	Average Attendance.	Baptisms from School.	Lesson Helps Taken.	Expenses and Contributions.
Antioch	J. A. Helms ---- Unionville No. 1	8	60	68	45	4	188	$13 85
Benton's Cross Roads	J. S. Simpson ---- Monroe No. 2	5	45	48	30	10	105	9 65
Bethel	H. B. Moore ---- Marshville No. 1	4	29	33	18	1	52	4 55
Corinth	T. A. Richardson ---- Monroe No. 9	5	61	66	40	7	170	5 11
Deep Springs	J. W. Dees ---- Marshville No. 1	6	50	56	30	8	48	3 10
Ebeneezer	W. T. Baucom ---- Monroe No. 6	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fairfield	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Faulks	A. M. Newsome ---- Wingate No. 1	5	45	50	36	5	45	6 00
Herman	W. H. Helms ---- Waxhaw No. 1	6	55	61	40	4	60	7 57
Hamilton's Cross Roads	J. B. Staton ---- Marshville No. 4	4	50	54	30	7	50	2 50
Hopewell	R. Pope ---- Unionville No. 1	5	40	45	---	6	45	4 20
King Street—Waxhaw	J. T. Black ---- Waxhaw	5	58	63	30	---	42	15 00
Marshville	J. C. Morgan ---- Marshville	7	62	69	60	---	196	21 98
Macedonia	J. B. Mangum ---- Monroe No. 8	6	42	48	30	1	50	3 25
Meadow Branch	J. W. Bivens ---- Wingate	16	187	203	137¼	43	297	91 21
Mill Creek	T. F. James ---- Unionville	7	---	---	47	8	250	5 74
Monroe	F. B. Ashcraft ---- Monroe	15	200	215	125	---	200	236 78
Mt. Pleasant	M L. Davis ---- Monroe No. 1	6	40	46	30	4	50	5 50
Mt. Olive	J. T. Collins ---- White's Store No. 1	5	30	35	25	5	50	4 00
Mt. Harmony	J. E. Sustar ---- Matthews	9	111	120	25	23	130	11 15
Mountain Springs	J R. Haire ---- Monroe No. 1	5	45	50	33	10	48	3 00
Mt. Moriah		6	50	57	25	3	36	3 00
New Hope	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
New Salem	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
New Home	H. W. Pressley ---- Peachland No. 1	5	60	65	30	---	50	4 00
North Monroe	M. N. Bivens ---- Monroe No. 2	6	81	87	51	6	116	21 25
Oak Grove	J. B. Underwood ---- Monroe No. 5	5	50	55	35	8	47	2 82
Olive Branch	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Philadelphia	J. L. Autrey ---- Marshville No. 3	5	45	50	30	4	40	3 15
Pleasant Hill	Varcar Smith ---- Olive Branch No. 1	7	82	---	---	---	45	1 50
Roanoke	A. M. Price ---- Monroe	6	40	46	25	---	35	3 25
Sandy Ridge	D. C. Montgomery ---- Monroe No. 4	6	65	71	53	---	120	2 88
Sardis	R. S. Helms ---- Monroe	5	40	45	25	3	---	1 80
Shiloh	L. C. Polk ---- Monroe No. 6	9	72	81	39	3	160	3 75
Union	B. F. Parker ---- Monroe No. 1	8	60	68	40	---	70	3 00
Waxhaw	L. M. Riner ---- Waxhaw	7	60	67	38	3	96	4 00

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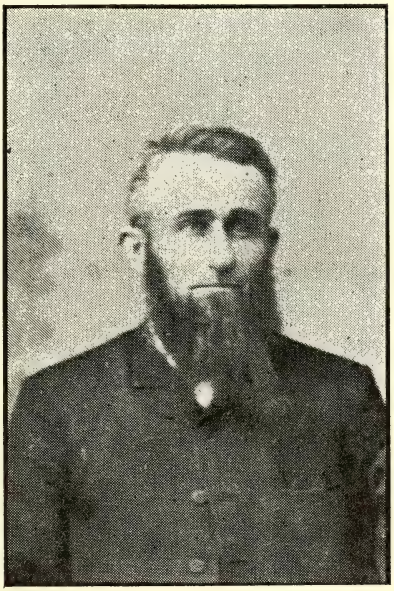

REV. D. A. SNIDER.

In Memory of Rev. D. A. Snider.

[According to the direction of a resolution unanimously passed by the Association, the following sketch has been prepared and inserted in the minutes.]

Rev. David A. Snider, the son of Rev. Solomon Snider, was born near the present site of North Monroe May 8, 1844; fell on sleep at his home in Wingate May 13, 1907, at seven o'clock, after great physical suffering, which he bore as became the faithful servant of God who had fought the fight, kept the faith, and was ready to meet his Master. At his dearly beloved old home church, Faulks, his body was laid to final rest.

At the call of his country he rendered unto Caesar the things that were Caesar's as a Confederate soldier, and returning from that war, he put on the armor of God and fought with unremitting zeal till called away to meet his Captain face to face. Having begun to preach in 1870, he was ordained to the full work of the ministry by a presbytery consisting of the deacons of Faulks church and Rev. J. L. Bennett and Rev. J. W. Phifer, May 4, 1872. The ordination certificate states that the presbytery, after a deliberate and careful examination found him "orthodox in gospel doctrine, sound and established in the ordinances, and correct and discreet in ecclesiastical government." And thus he remained for the thirty-seven years of his arduous labors in the ministry. From that time till his final sickness he worked with unflagging zeal in the service of his denomination, preaching any and everywhere that the people called him and doing the work of a pioneer preacher. It would be hard to tell the churches that he planted and nourished and built up. Like other preachers of his day, he knew neither heat nor cold, and stood back from no hardship in carrying on the work which was so dear to his heart. And, like most men of the time, in this section, he had no early educational advantages, but possessed strong common sense, and became a most thorough student of the Bible. It was his book of books, and he almost knew it line by line. His greatest pleasure was in preaching the gospel, and where he was called to preach he went without ever asking or thinking whether there would be pay for services other than the good he could do. A "soldier of the cross," he enlisted for the war and never grew tired, and when compelled to lay his armor by, his most earnest thought was for the continuation of the work. He not only served faithfully, but humbly, seeking not to be a captain, nor to be talked of nor praised nor conspicuous, but to work where work was most needed. A life of service, his reward is now achieved.

No hardship was too great, no sacrifice too much for him in carrying the tidings of great joy. And he enjoyed in his own heart the reality of the truth as he preached it to others, and from Pisgah's top he viewed with bright anticipations the celestial regions that awaited him. His life was given to the people of this association, and they have just cause to call his name blessed.

J. A. Bivens,
J. L. Bennett, } *Committee.*
R. F. Beasley,

Minutes of the Fifty-third Annual Session of the Union Baptist Association.

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The fifty-third annual session of the Union Baptist Association met with the Waxhaw King Street church on October 10th, 1907. After the introductory sermon by Rev. C. A. G. Thomas, followed by recess and a scripture lesson by Rev. J. L. Bennet, Bro. J. W. Bivens, the moderator of the preceding session, called the association to order.

Letters from the churches were called for and the following delegates were found to be present:

Antioch—J. W. Love, M. S. Baucom.
Benton's X Roads—J. L. Benton, G. R. Helms, D. A. Simpson.
Bethel—T. A. Marsh, Ray Ashcraft.
Corinth—A. B. Shaw, J. B. Price.
Deep Springs—T. P. Sinclair.
Ebenezer—W. T. Baucom, W. J. Rowell.
Fairfield—T. C. Griffin, E. C. Griffin.
Faulks—W. M. Haney, W. P. Pierce, S. J. Helms.
Hermon—J. E. Bigham, W. H. Helms.
Hamilton's X Roads—W. F. Allen.
Hopewell—J. W. Gardner, J. L. Crowell, H. E. Pope.
King Street—J. T. Black, J. R. Eason, W. S. King.
Macedonia—N. A. Funderburk, W. L. Gibson, J. B. Mangum.
Marshville—J. C. Morgan, T. B. Hamilton.
Meadow Branch—W. V. Williams, W. J. Stewart, W. B. Williams.
Mill Creek—T. F. James, E. B. James, B. F. Price.
Monroe—O. C. Curlee.
Mt. Pleasant—J. S. Dees.
Mt. Olive—A. E. Rushing.
Mt. Harmony—O. L. Philips, J. E. Sustar.
Mountain Springs—J. R. Hair, S. R. Presson.
Mt. Moriah—P. H. Mills, Willie Rushing.
New Salem—W. H. Long.
New Home—Robert Atkinson, J. J. Williams.
North Monroe—H. W. Helms.
Oak Grove—J. F. Gordon, W. K. Rape.
Olive Branch—J. W. Pritchard, Isaac Newsom, J. M. Burns.
Philadelphia—V. T. Chears, M. L. Baker, J. C. Baker.
Pleasant Hill—W. B. Smith, H. G. Bryant, R. H. James.
Roanoke—William Watkins.
Sandy Ridge—W. S. Brantly, J. G. Melton.
Sardis—W. B. Ford, J. K. Polk, Lee Yandle.
Shiloh—Marion Presley, W. J. Sutton.
Union—J. W. Thomas, E. C. Snyder.
Waxhaw—J. A. Gamble, W. H. Gilmore, J. R. James.

Rev. A. C. Davis moves that the rules be suspended and that all officers be elected by acclamation. The motion carried, and J. W. Bivens is unanimously elected moderator, V. T. Chears, vice-moderator, and F. B. Ashcraft treasurer. The clerk for last year, R. F. Beasley, is put in nomination for re-election, but at his request the nomination is withdrawn and a ballot for clerk is gone into resulting in the election of W. T. Baucom.

On motion the subject of periodicals is taken up and the following report is read by the clerk in the absence of the writer:

PERIODICALS.

A pretty fair index to the spiritual welfare and growth of a church is the number of religious periodicals taken and read by the members. A reading church membership even with an inferior preacher can accomplish a work hardly possible for a much stronger preacher with an indifferent and unreading membership.

In these times of prosperity and with our present mail facilities, there is no excuse for a member of a Baptist church to be without one or more of our excellent denominational papers. The Biblical Recorder, first of all, should be in the home of every Baptist, because it is the organ of our State convention. Then the North Carolina Baptist, the Foreign Mission Journal, Our Home Field, Charity and Children, and the Baptist Messenger should be taken to supplement the work of the Recorder. We urge pastors especially to endeavor to increase the circulation of these papers among the members of their churches.

M. B. DRY.

The moderator announces the following committees: Order of Business, A. Marsh, V. T. Chears, O. C Curlee; Digest of Letters, M. D. L. Preslar, O. L. Philips, W. V. Williams; Religious Exercise, All pastors present, J. L. Bennett chairman, with deacons of this church.

On motion the subject of woman's work is taken up, the report being as follows:

WOMAN'S WORK.

For nineteen years the Woman's Missionary Union has been steadily growing until it has become one of the greatest factors in the work of the Southern Baptist Convention. As the handmaiden of the convention it has become one of the greatest helpers of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and other enterprises under our control. It has developed the spirit of giving in our churches and quickened the hearts of men, women, young people and children to larger thought and endeavor. It is worthy of the sympathy and support of all our churches.

Your committee recommends that each pastor help the woman organize unions and study classes in each church; also that a separate and independent table shall be given in the minutes for the report of the Woman's Unions.

CHAS. A. G. THOMAS.

A very interesting speech is made on the subject; after which the report is adopted.

The committee on religious excercise report preaching at 7:30 by Rev. J. S. W. Hall, and on motion the association adjourns.

FRIDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

After devotional exercise conducted by Rev. A. Marsh, the association was called to order and the minutes read and approved.

The committee on order of business report as follows: 10:00 a. m., Aged Ministers' Relief; 10:30, Orphanage; 11:30, State Missions; 2:00, Education; 3:00, Wingate School; Saturday, 10:00 a. m., Temperance; 11:00, Foreign Misssions; 2:00, Home Missions; 3:00 Sunday School.

The moderator announces the following committees: Finance, R. F. Beasley, J. C. Morgan, H. E. Pope; Request and Queries, S. R. Brock, J. W. Thomas, J. G. Gulledge; Obituaries, R. H. James, Robert Gibson, J. L. Shinn; To nominate Executive Committee, A. E. Rushing, J. T. Black, A. C. Davis.

The time for the discussion of aged ministers' relief having arrived, the report is read as follows:

AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.

Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

Just so sure are many of the Lord's faithful servants among us whose lives have been spent in faithful service. We need not be anxious about their crown for they shall soon wear it, but how about my crown and your crown if we fail to minister unto their comforts? Our ministers as a whole are a very modest people and do not call upon their brethren for luxuries, hence we should be all the more diligent in supplying their wants. A little more than one cent per capita was our contribution to them during the associational year ending in 1906. Brethren, let us rise to a higher plain this year. H. E. COPPLE.

Brethren A. C. Davis, J. L Bennett and J. L. Shinn make interesting and impressive speeches on the subject; after which report is adopted.

The subject of the orphanage is taken up and very forcibly discussed by Brethren R. H. James and A. Johnson, and the report, which is the annual statement of the orphanage June 15, 1907, is adopted.

ORPHANAGE.

CHARITY AND CHILDREN.

RECEIPTS:

Subscriptions	$4 541 91	
Advertising, job work, etc.,	1 137 99	
Uncollected accounts (good)	400 00	
Stock on hand	100 00	
Total		$6 179 90

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries	$2 025 75		
Postage	325 98		
Paper and ink	1 329 04		
Travelling expenses	109 02		
Freight, oil, repairs, etc.	146 48		
Engine	100 00		
New type	198 62		
Balance on folder	176 91		
Desk for office	25 00		
Uncollected accounts June 15, 1906	546 53		
Total	$4 983 33		
By improvement in plant	500 53		
		$4 482 80	
Net profit			$1 697 10

FARM.

RECEIPTS—(ESTIMATED):

Green corn (1500 dozen)	$ 150 00		
Butter beans and snaps	100 00		
Sweet potatoes	75 00		
Irish potatoes	100 00		
Turnips	300 00		
Onions	50 00		
Peas	237 50		
Forage (corn stover, hay, etc.)	320 00		
Corn in ear (550 bushels)	402 50		
Wheat, rye and barley	600 00		
Pork and beef	313 25		
Cabbage	50 00		
Other vegtables	75 00		
Milk (3848 gallons)	769 60		
Sale of farm products not otherwise accounted for	175 77		
Total		$3 748 62	

EXPENSES.

Salary of Superintendent	$ 375 00		
Day labor	325 68		
Feed, seed and fertilizers	1 134 83		
Stock	119 00		
Repairs	164 65		
Farm Implements	22 00		
Farm products consumed (estimated)	575 00		
Total disbursements	2 716 16		
By improvement in stock and implements	141 00		
		$2 575 16	
Net profit			$1 173 46

MACHINE SHOP.

RECEIPTS:

Lumber and work	$2 876 45		
Lumber and wood on hand June 15, 1907	1 766 56		
Uncollected accounts June 15, 1907	I 663 93		
Orphanage account	585 42		
Pump account for wood (150 cords)	375 00		
Total receipts		$7 267 36	

EXPENSES:

Salaries	$ 857 69		
Repairs	246 49		
Insurance	169 00		
Lumber and wood	4 839 62		
Wood and lumber on hand June 15, 1906	475 00		

Uncollected accounts June 15, 1906	1 355 31	
Total disbursements	7 943 11	
Credit by amount for improvements	97 91	
		$7 845 20
Loss		577 84

SHOE SHOP.

RECEIPTS:

Orphanage work	$1 622 40	
Cash from outside work	294 65	
Stock on hand June 15, 1907	250 93	
Uncollected accounts June 15, 1907	134 65	
Total receipts	$2 302 63	

EXPENSES:

Salaries	$ 703 96	
Freight, express and repairs	23 52	
Equipment, leather and findings	989 48	
Stock on hand June 15, 1906	366 71	
Uncollected accounts June 15, 1906	77 75	
Total expenses	$2 161 42	
Net profit		141 21

Actual cost of maintaining and instructing 328 children for the year:

Food, fuel, clothing, etc.	$11 223 62
Salaries	6 202 44
Washing	81 74
'Phone rent	112 25
Pastor's salary	200 00
Shoe shop account	1 622 40
Farm products consumed (estimated)	2 522 85
Medicine and medical attendance	498 03
Postage, travelling expenses, school books, etc.	696 37
Contributions in kind	1 570 60
Total cost	$24 730 30
Actual cost per capita per month	6 28

A cash collection for the orphanage is taken amounting to $26.26.

The time having arrived to consider the subject of State missions the report is read and ably discussed by Brethren M. D. L. Preslar and L. Johnson and report is adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

Luke tells us in Acts 1: 8 that Christ said to his disciples just before his ascension: "But ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you, and shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." In accordance with this statement from their master the disciples began aggressive missionary work in Jerusalem on the day of pentecost and continued to prosecute the work, ever widening as they went, until at the death of Paul in A. D. 68, the gospel had been preached to the Jews, the Greeks and the Romans, the three great civilized nations of the time.

The service of christianity for the last nineteen centuries has not lessened our debt to the world or our obliga-

tions to God, but his word of authority comes ringing through the ages with a clarion call for renewed effort for the evangelization of the world. Wisdom teaches us that if we are successful in our foreign missions operations we must look well to our base of supplies. We must see that our own people are fed with the Bread of Life if they have to give it to those who sit in heathen darkness. Under God that is what we are trying to do in our State mission work.

Our State mission board began its work seventy-seven years ago. Seven hundred and eighty-seven or three-sevenths of the eighteen hundred and twenty-one Baptist churches in the State have been organized by our missionaries in the last twenty-two years. It is also unquestionably true that two-thirds of the money that comes into the Lord's treasury for our general work, comes from churches that were organized by or were beneficiaries of our board. Our missionaries have not only organized churches and brought money into the Lord's treasury, but they have baptized 31,179 converts and organized 873 Sunday schools within the last twenty-five years.

As much as has been done there is yet a large area of virgin soil untouched. "There are five counties in the State with only one resident Baptist pastor to the county. There are four county seats in no one of which is there a Baptist church or a Baptist preacher." And beside all this, there are many thickly populated rural communities and thriving little villages where the gospel as the Baptist preach it is not proclaimed.

In view of the great destitution that lies before us, and of our unbounded obligation to give the gospel in its entirety to every creature, we recommend a liberal increase in our contributions to State missions.

M. D. L. PRESLAR.

The committee on religious exercise report preaching tonight at 7:30 o'clock by Rev. L. Johnson.

After the noon recess prayer is offered and the subject of education is taken up, the report read as follows, discussed by R. D. Redfearn, Dr. E. W. Sikes and A. C. Davis, and adopted:

EDUCATION.

The child is a physical, intellectual and soul complex that needs careful training. Some one has said that man is fearfully and wonderfully made, but then we may add, he is made so as to be changed and developed, and since this is so it becomes the imperative duty of parents to look closely after his education, and especially after his spiritual training. Sure, we are mindful in a way of our children, all of our work and toil is for them. From early morn till late at night we toil that we may lay up wealth to give them a start in life, or that we may educate them. We are extremely careful about their physical and mental needs, but very careless about their soul needs; yet these far exceed the physical and mental. Closely and zealously

should we watch the spiritual training of our children. The child is physical, mental and spiritual, and each of these needs careful training. If you educate him physically so that you have a physical giant with strong arms and muscles as strong as bands of steel, you have less than one-third of a man. Educate him physically and mentally so he will be the peer of any in brain and muscle, still you have less than two-thirds of a man. But educate him physically, mentally and spiritually and you have man in his entirety. You have a man in every sense of the word.

Since all this is true how and where are we to educate? First, it all must begin in the home. Here, he should be taught to fear and obey his parents. Here, he should be taught to reverence good men and the house of God; yea, above all things, he should be taught to reverence and fear God. All this should begin at the earliest age. Soon he will begin to grow and develop; his sphere will begin to broaden,—he is now ready for his next higher grade in education, which is usually the public school. While here he should be under teachers who are pure and upright; yes, they should be those who fear God and do his commandments; for the teacher stamps not only his habits and manners but his inclinations and disposition on the child.

Soon comes another question for solution. The boy is now ready for the high school, and where and in what kind of a school should he be placed? It is needless to say that the school should be distinctly christian and that all the teachers should be christians. The Union Association may well congratulate itself that it has such a school—a school that has been established for several years, has been progressive all the time, and has done untold good not only in the association but in North Carolina and other states. The boys and girls of the Wingate School are found in all the leading vocations in life, and it is not saying too much to say that many of them in less than twelve years (the time since the school was established) have achieved success. The Wingate students are fast coming to be the leading farmers, merchants, lawyers, physicians, stenographers, bookkeepers, teachers and preachers.

Lastly, comes the question of collegiate education, and in this we are unexcelled in the South. Wake Forest, the peer of any institution for young men, has a glorious history. The Baptist University for Women has been established but a few years; yet, the history of its growth is marvelous. The Baptists of North Carolina should be proud of their institutions of learning, and above all should give them their patronage and hearty co-operation.

R. D. REDFEARN.

At this time the ladies are asked to retire to the academy where Brethren A. and L. Johnson are to address them on Woman's Work.

The treasurer offers his report, showing statement of amount received and disbursed for associational year ending October 10, 1907, which is adopted, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Am't on hand for State Mis. last report	$ 86 84	
Collected for State Missions	276 43	
Paid to State Missions		$ 363 27
Collected for Foreign Missions	500 43	
Paid to Foreign Missions		500 43
Collected for Home Missions	288 49	
Paid to Home Missions		288 49
Collected for Orphanage	445 03	
Paid to Orphanage		445 03
Collected for Aged Ministers	58 84	
Paid to Aged Ministers		58 84
Collected for Wingate School	4 70	
Paid to Wingate School		4 70
Collected for Ministerial Education	21 80	
Paid to Ministerial Education		21 80
Collected for Minute Fund	48 71	
Paid for Minutes and to Clerk		48 71
Collected for Chinese Sufferers	6 34	
Paid to Chinese Sufferers		6 34
Collected for Sunday School Missions	5 00	
Paid to Sunday School Missions		5 00
Collected for Bible Fund	4 49	
Paid to Bible Fuud		4 49
Total amount collected	$1747 10	
Total amount paid out		$1747 10

The report on the Wingate School is read as follows, and adopted:

THE WINGATE SCHOOL.

Our school at Wingate is one of the few associational schools established a decade or more ago that have survived to the present. Although the patronage so far is considerably in advance of last year, the school is passing through a crisis. The State high schools are invading our territory at a fast rate, and while we would not in the least discourage the establishment of these schools, we cannot afford to withdraw our support from our associational school. For the following reasons, it should be liberally supported: First, it is the association's property whose advance or decline in valuation depends upon its support. Second, its equipment and teaching force compare favorably with the best schools in the country. Third, the grade of work done is higher than that done in the State-aided high school. Fourth, the expenses are very reasonable. Fifth, it is a Baptist school and denominational pride ought to be

of some weight. Sixth, it is the best place to train our young people in the work of our denomination. For these and other reasons, we urge you to give to the school your hearty support and encouragement.

For the first time in several years, we are glad to report the school free from indebtedness.

The enrollment of students to date is 145 against 105 the same date last year. Of these 46 are boarders against 33 last year.

The principal is ably assisted by Misses Kendrick, Thomas, and Brown.

J. L. BENNETT, Chairman of Trustees.

Very impressive speeches were made by Brethren M. B. Dry, J. L. Shinn, E. W. Sikes, A. Johnson, J. A. Bivens, J. W. Bivens, A. C. Davis, F. B. Ashcraft, R. H. James and O. C. Curlee on the urgent needs of a dormitory at Wingate for the accommodation of boarding students. On motion the subject is continued until 10:00 a. m. Saturday, and Brethren M. B. Dry, J. W. Bivens and J. L. Bennett are appointed as a committee to submit something definite on the subject at that time.

The committee on requests and querries make their report, which is adopted, as follows:

REQUESTS AND QUERIES.

North Monroe requests the association to have an engraving of the late Rev. D. A. Snider put in the minutes.

Bethel, Hopewell, Mt. Harmony, Marshville and Union request the next session of the association.

The following churches ask the prayers of the association: Fairfield, Mountain Springs, North Monroe, New Salem, Oak Grove and Shiloh.

On motion the association adjourns.

SATURDAY'S SESSIONS.

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. R. H. James, the association is called to order by the moderator. The minutes are read, corrected and approved. The moderator calls for report on Temperance. There being no report, Rev. R. H. James moves that we omit both the discussion of the subject and the drinking of liquor.

The moderator calls for report of committee on Wingate Dormitory, and the following resolutions are read, and after being discussed by Brethren M. B. Dry, R. F. Beasley, O. C. Curlee and E. W. Sikes, are adopted:

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, a dormitory in connection with the Wingate School is a pressing need, therefore

Resolved, 1. That this association take the matter in

hand and appoint a committee to devise plans whereby the building may be secured.

2. That such building when erected be dedicated to the memory of Bro. D. A. Snyder, who spent his life in faithful sacrifice for the cause of Christ in this association.

The following brethren are appointed as a committee on this matter: O. M. Sanders, F. B. Ashcraft, S. E. Sustar, J. L. Shinn and N. A. Funderburk.

The time having arrived to consider Foreign Missions, the report is read and adopted, as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In St. Matthew, the 28th chapter, 18-20 verses, we find these words: "And Jesus came and spake unto them—that is, the eleven disciples—saying, 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth, go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.'" So, then, we see there is no doubt about the command to do the teaching. Then, since some have gone into the work and have had great success among the heathen, let us be thankful to the Lord for his goodness, both here among ourselves and there in the far off land. Brethren, contribute more to this Foreign Missions cause, and let us not be missionaries in word and tongue, but in word and in deed.

W. B. SMITH.

The subject is discussed by W. B. Smith, Robt. Gibson and J. L. Shinn.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The report on Finance is read as follows:

Minute fund, $63.88; State missions, $56.07; Home missions, $37.11; Foreign missions, $58.06; Orphanage, $61.22; Aged Ministers' relief, $8.96—total, $285.30.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Your committee on Digest of Letters find that there were 275 baptisms in the association during the fiscal year, and a net gain in membership of 142. Our pastors were paid during the present year $3,935.87, against $3 550 last year—an increase of $385.87. To State missions our churches contributed $256.23, against $185.24 last year; to Foreign missions $630.01, against $553.45 last year; for Home missions $212.44, against $294.98 last year, a decrease of $52.24.

Taking our work as a whole, there has been a decided increase over last year in our contributions, which if continued will mark a new era in the spiritual life of our churches.

M. D. L. PRESLAR,
W. V. WILLIAMS,
O. L. PHILLIPS.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your committee on Obituaries, submit the following: Since our last session at Shiloh, death has entered quite a number of our homes and called to their reward 36 of our number. The churches who have lost these members have felt keenly their going away. May heaven's richest blessings rest upon them.

We would love to say the following as to Bro. David Snider: We all knew him—as a friend, a brother, a minister. He was a lovable character, a bold, fearless preacher, a sympathizing pastor and a devoted husband and father. Wheresoever he went he was ever ready to bind up the wounded heart, to speak words of encouragement to the despondent, and to encourage every movement looking to the advancement of God's kingdom. He has gone to answer the roll call up yonder. Let us pray God's blessing on his work, which still lives. And as we in thought stand by his grave and let our tears mingle with those of his loved ones, let us remember that we, too, must go some time. We recommend that a page in our minutes be set apart as sacred to his memory, and that thereon his picture be placed.

R. H. JAMES,
R. GIBSON,
J. L. SHINN.

On motion adjourned to reassemble at 2:00 p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

After prayer by Rev. M. D. L. Preslar, the subject of Home Missions is taken up and the report read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

There is no more gratifying development in the denomination than the growing interest of Southern Baptists in their Home Mission work. Leading men among us have of late freely published their conviction that this department of our work is of great strategic importance and should be enlarged without delay. The Southern Baptist Convention, at its last session, put itself on record to the same effect and warmly recommended to the denomination that contributions be doubled for this object this year, the total amount recommended being $500,000. The following facts will confirm the sound judgment of the convention:

1. Home Missions has already done great things for Southern Baptists. Missionaries of the Home Mission Board have made hundreds of thousands of converts, constituted thousands of churches, organized thousands of Sunday schools, and assisted in establishing the Baptist cause in every State capital of the South save one, and in thousands of country places. Every State and almost every community has felt the direct or indirect influence of the work, and received benefit from it. The record for last year, in independent and co-operative work, was in part

18,796 baptisms, 14,207 additions to churches by letter, 271 churches constituted, 309 houses of worship built or improved, 703 Sunday schools organized. These figures do not include the untabulated influence of 112,604 gospel sermons and addresses and of the exemplary lives of 865 godly missionaries.

2. The South presents great Home Mission need today. Southern cities are multiplying and growing in size and wickedness; floods of foreigners are coming in who must be saved or they will lower our standard of civilization; baneful heresies are being propagated in our midst; vast regions of destitution exist, especially in the Southwest; 3,000 homeless churches call to us for shelter under which to worship our God; Cuba, the Isle of Pines and Panama hold out appealing hands for the bread of life; the success of our mountain school work as well is appalling and needs encouragement and enlargement.

What answer will we make to these appeals? What will we do with this opportunity and this sacred duty? We would recommend that our association endeavor this year to increase our contributions to Home Missions in proportion to the advance recommended by the Southern Baptist convention, which will be 50 per cent. over what we did last year; and in order to inform our people concerning this work and make possible the raising of this amount, pastors and others are requested to secure and circulate among our people the free literature of the home board.

O. M. SANDERS.

The subject is discussed by O. M. Sanders, S. F. Conrad and Dr. Sikes.

WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

Foreign Missions—C. A. G. Thomas.
Home Missions—J. L. Shinn.
State Missions—R. F. Beasley.
Orphanage—A. Marsh.
Education—Jackson Hamilton.
Periodicals—Prof. N. D. Johnson.
Aged Ministers' Relief—J. F. Hammond.
Temperance—S. R. Brock.
Woman's Work—M. B. Dry.
Sunday Schools—W. T. Baucom.

The moderator calls for report on Sunday School, which is read and adopted without discussion, as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Sunday school—which is, no doubt, the most important part of church work—is, I fear, very much neglected by a great many of our churches, and has been to some extent by our association. Every organized church should have a Sunday school, and every one that does not is not measuring up to the full standard of its duty. The wise man said, "Train the child in the way it should go"; and

the Sunday school is the most effective way outside of the home, which is the foundation of all training. If the church does not train them in the way they should go, the world will train them in the way they should not go. Hence the importance of every church member taking part in the Sunday school and helping train them in the right way, for the responsibilities of church and State will soon devolve upon them. So let us try to perform our part well in this great work. F. B. ASHCRAFT.

The following resolution is adopted:

Whereas, The homes of the town of Waxhaw and surrounding country have been wide open to us, and whereas we have been received with open hearts and the hospitality of the same, and whereas we wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the kind reception and hospitable entertainment, be it

Resolved, That we, by a vote of thanks, express our appreciation for the above and that as we turn our faces homeward, we breathe a silent prayer for heaven's richest benedictions to rest upon each and every inmate of all homes.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Place of next meeting: Union church. Rev. J. L. Shinn is appointed to preach introductory sermon; M. D. L. Preslar alternate.

Delegates to State convention are appointed as follows: O. M. Sanders, R. F. Beasley, R. H. James, J. L. Shinn, J. R. Eason and W. G. Long.

Bro. M. D. L. Preslar is appointed as a delegate to the Southern Baptist convention.

On motion the association adjourns to meet Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1908, with the Union Baptist church.

Pastors, Officers, Etc.

Executive Board.

O. M. Sanders, F. B. Ashcraft, J. H. Williams, B. A. Sustar, J. B. Mangum.

Officers of the Association.

J. W. Bivens, Moderator ..... Wingate, N. C.
V. T. Chears, Vice Moderator ... R. F. D. 1, Monroe, N. C.
W. T. Baucom, Clerk ..... Wingate, N. C.
F. B. Ashcraft, Treasurer ..... Monroe, N. C.

Trustees of Wingate School.

J. L. Bennett, J. W. Bivens, Thos. E. Williams, J. B. Mangum, J. F. Moore, F. M. Sutton, W. P. Griffin, J. E. Sustar, I. A. Clontz, O. M. Sanders, J. A. Bivens, B. F. Parker, A. E. Rushing, E. C. Williams, J. F. Gordon.

Ordained Ministers.

J. A. Bivens	Route 3, Monroe, N. C.
T. P. Little	Marshville, N. C.
S. R. Brock	Monroe, N. C.
A. C. Davis	Olive Branch, N. C.
A. Marsh	Marshville, N. C.
J. L. Bennett	Wingate, N. C.
M. D. L. Preslar	Route 1, Monroe, N. C.
J. G. Gulledge	Route 1, Monroe, N. C.
M. C. King	Robeson, N. C.
R. H. James	Marshville, N. C.
H. G. Bryant	Olive Branch, N. C.
T. C. Irby	Waxhaw, N. C.
C. A. G. Thomas	Monroe, N. C.
W. F. Estridge	Waxhaw, N. C.
J. L. Shinn	Marshville, N. C.

Pastors of Churches.

Antioch	T. P. Little
Benton's Cross Roads	J. L. Bennett
Bethel	J. A. Bivens
Corinth	J. A. Bivens
Deep Springs	A. Marsh
Ebeneezer	J. G. Gulledge
Fairfield	J. G. Gulledge
Faulks	J. A. Bivens
Herman	K. W. Hogan
Hamilton's Cross Roads	A. Marsh
Hopewell	J. L. Bennett
King Street (Waxhaw)	W. F. Estridge
Macedonia	A. Marsh
Marshville	J. L. Shinn
Meadow Branch	B. S. Funderburk
Mill Creek	A. Marsh
Monroe	C. A. G. Thomas
Mt. Pleasant	M. D. L. Preslar
Mt. Olive	M. D. L. Preslar
Mt. Harmony	J. L. Bennett
Mountain Springs	D. A. Snyder, P. E. Blackman
Mt. Moriah	J. G. Gulledge
New Salem	T. C. Irby
New Home	A. Marsh
New Hope	
North Monroe	T. C. Irby
Oak Grove	C. A. G. Thomas
Olive Branch	G. O. Wilhoit
Philadelphia	J. F. Hammond
Pleasant Hill	C. H. Martin
Roanoke	J. A. Bivens
Sandy Ridge	T. P. Little
Sardis	M. D. L. Preslar
Shiloh	M. D. L. Preslar
Union	A. C. Davis
Waxhaw	K. W. Hogan

PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR.

CHURCHES.	Ministerial Education.	Aged Ministers' Relief.	Orphanage.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Antioch	$1 00	$4 00	$ 2 00	$	$	$
Benton's Cross Roads	1 00	1 50	4 00	3 00	1 00	5 00
Bethel	1 00	2 00	6 00	9 00	4 00	9 00
Corinth	2 00	2 00	10 00	4 00	5 00	5 00
Deep Springs		2 00	2 00	4 00		5 00
Ebeneezer	1 00	2 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	5 00
Fairfield			2 00		1 50	1 50
Faulks	1 00	5 00	8 00	4 80	3 00	8 00
Herman	2 00	3 00	5 00	10 00	7 00	7 10
Hamilton's Cross Roads		1 29*	7 00*	4 34*	5 59*	5 96*
Hopewell	1 00	2 00	5 00	8 00	3 00	6 00
King Street	3 00	5 00	15 00	10 00	3 00	15 00
Macedonia		2 00	6 00	5 00	8 00	7 00
Marshville	5 00	10 00	45 00	30 00	15 00	100 00
Meadow Branch	10 00	10 00	40 00	40 00	75 00	60 00
Mill Creek		1 50	7 00	5 00	5 00	15 00
Monroe		20 00	125 00	50 00	75 00	200 00
Mt. Pleasant	1 00	1 50	4 00	2 00	2 00	6 00
Mt. Olive	1 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	10 00
Mt. Harmony	1 50	2 00	25 00	10 00	5 00	105 00
Mountain Springs		1 50	5 00	2 00	2 00	5 00
Mt. Moriah		1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
New Salem	1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		
New Home		1 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	3 00
New Hope		1 50		1 00		2 00
North Monroe		1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	
Oak Grove		1 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	3 00
Olive Branch	1 00	1 00	7 00	3 00	5 00	6 00
Philadelphia	2 00	4 00	8 00	5 00		15 00
Pleasant Hill		1 00	3 00	3 00		8 00
Roanoke	1 00*	1 13*	2 36*	2 09*	1 49*	2 43*
Sandy Ridge		1 00	4 00	2 00		4 00
Sardis		4 00	5 00	4 00	2 00	5 00
Shiloh	2 00	2 00	6 00	12 00	5 00	15 00
Union	1 70*	5 00*	26 00*	10 55	16 11	31 38*
Waxhaw	1 00	3 00	20 00	10 00	2 00	15 00

* Paid.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	Pastor's Salary	Incidental Expenses.	Poor.	Minute Func.	Buildings and Repairs	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers.	Education.	Other Objects.	Total of all Expenses and Contributions	Seating Capacity.	Value of Property.
Antioch	J. F. Hagler—Unionville No. 2	$ 50 00	$ 25	$	$1 90	$	$ 1 00	$ 95	$ 3 00	$ 4 00	$	$	$	$ 60 10	250	$ 350 00
Benton's Cross Roads	J. S. Simpson—Monroe No. 2	50 00			1 05		2 00	1 50	4 00	3 00	75	1 00	1 00	66 94	300	250 00
Bethel	H. D Leonard—Marshville	75 00		8 00	1 62		8 00	8 00	8 00	5 72	1 79	2 00	18 75	126 84	400	700 00
Corinth	R. W. Helms—Monroe No. 9	75 00	19 12	2 00	2 00	71 00	2 86	2 01	5 00	10 20	2 00	1 55	6 35	197 09	300	450 00
Deep Springs	L. B. Phifer—Peaculand	50 00	5 00	3 45	1 25	75 15	3 00	2 36	5 00	4 50	1 00		4 00	154 65		700 00
Ebeneezer	G. W Baucom—Monroe No. 6	53 15	7 00		1 20		2 50	2 90	5 00	5 05	1 50			78 30	300	500 00
Fairfield	L. S. Williams—Marshville No 2	50 00	19 75		1 20	25 00		1 50	1 50	2 00				99 75	300	400 00
Faulks	J F. Moore—Wingate No. 1	50 00	10 00	15 00	2 42		3 00	2 00	8 00	8 00			14 00	108 00	450	600 00
Herman	J. E. Bigham—Waxhaw	67 72	36 00	10 00		50	7 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	7 50			147 22	300	500 00
Hamiltons Cross Roads	M. L. Sinclair—Marshville	70 00	6 00	12 00	1 50		4 34	5 59	5 96	7 00	1 29		10 00	123 68	400	700 00
Hopewell	W. L. Biggers—Unionville No. 1	100 00	3 50	3 00	3 00		6 06	2 68	6 00	20 75	1 50		21 00	161 62	400	600 00
King Street—Waxhaw	J. R. Eason—Waxhaw	125 00	5 00		1 00	34 70	10 00	2 00	10 00	10 00				191 70	400	1500 00
Macedonia	A. L. Funderburk—Monroe No. 1	60 00		7 00	1 50		3 44	2 50	7 00	5 29	1 51		11 00	89 24	350	600 00
Marshville	B. H Griffin—Peachland No. 1	200 00	23 15	30 00	3 00	13 88	15 00	13 35	50 00	16 68	10 65	2 66	32 00	471 70	500	2000 00
Meadow Branch	M. B. Dry—Wingate	225 00	5 19		3 30	40 00	40 83	78 13	63 52	29 40		9 60		494 47	600	1500 00
Mill Creek	T. F. James—Unionville No. 2	100 00		6 87	1 75	90 30	7 22	6 72	12 60	5 62	1 49		5 60	203 67	450	1250 00
Monroe	H. E. Copple—Monroe	1200 50	274 25	50 25	3 50	1610 21	72 30	160 89	200 00	42 12	17 16	14 09	47 50	3738 77	600	18 000 00
Mt. Pleasant	B. L. Goodwin—Monroe No. 1	56 20		2 75	1 90	42 90	3 72	2 10	6 29	5 10	1 81	70	35	124 92	250	250 00
Mt Olive	E. E. McRae—White Store	100 00	17 40		1 75		3 37	3 00	10 00	10 00	1 00			146 52	800	1000 00
Mt. Harmony	B. T. Sustar—Matthews No. 19	100 00	44 00		2 41		8 00	5 00	100 00	25 00				284 41	750	1500 00
Mountain Springs	A. D. Moore—Monroe No. 1	80 00			2 04		3 71	2 41	3 00	4 91			16 55	110 58	300	400 00
Mt. Moriah	P. H Mills—Marshville No. 3				1 50		2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00					
New Salem	John A. Helms—Monroe No. 6	25 00			75		75	75	1 00	2 00				29 50	150	100 00
New Home	J. J. Williams—Peachland	30 00	7 55		1 12	50 00	3 00	1 60	4 60	3 65				101 42	300	400 00
New Hope					50											
North Monroe	M. N. Bivens—Monroe	61 55	13 80	18 95	1 50				1 00	3 75				155 00	300	500 00
Oak Grove	C. B. Gordon—Monroe No. 5	40 00	1 10		1 20	11 50	2 00	2 00	5 00	7 00				68 60	400	700 00
Olive Branch	H. L. Gaddy—Olive Branch	75 00	17 50	6 33	1 50		1 95	3 03	5 05	4 95	1 42	1 00		110 73	450	1000 00
Philadelphia	M. L. Baker—Monroe No. 1	100 00	9 00	14 50	2 75	50	4 00	4 00	12 00	6 00		3 00	1 75	154 75	400	500 00
Pleasant Hill	T. F. Bryant—Olive Branch No. 1	50 00		1 00	2 00		2 00	2 00	5 00	4 00			8 51	73 51	300	500 00
Roanoke	J. H. Price—Monroe	45 00	15 40	4 99	1 40	75	2 09	1 49	2 43	2 36	1 13	1 00		74 64	300	400 00
Sandy Ridge	D. C. Montgomery—Monroe No. 9	75 00	10 00		2 25		2 00	2 00	4 03	4 00				89 25	350	500 00
Sardis	A.L.D.Birmingham—Indian Trail	30 00	90	1 57	1 10	35	3 44	2 14	4 03	2 31				45 49	300	400 00
Shiloh	A. B Helms—Monroe No. 6	150 00		7 10	2 10		11 50	7 19	15 02	7 53	1 12		2 00	201 46	300	600 00
Union	H. F. Parker—Monroe No. 1	120 00	11 00	20 84	2 00		10 55	16 11	31 38	26 00	4 50	1 70	84 66	328 74	500	775 00
Waxhaw	J. R. James—Waxhaw	200 00	28 90	5 00	1 86		5 00	2 00	20 00	20 00					600	2000 00
		3906 37	590 76	200 60	63 88	2100 89	137 63	216 88	635 41	220 89	50 12	37 70	245 02	8633 26	3050	42 325 00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.			Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Dropped from roll	Total.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.
	M.	F.	Total											
Antioch	24	42	66		3		3	1		3		4		1
Benton's Cross Roads	34	52	86	18	4	2	24	3	2			5	19	
Bethel	26	30	56	10	2		12	1		2		3	7	
Corinth	39	46	85	3	3		6	1				1	3	
Deep Springs	31	64	95	2	3		5			2		2	2	
Ebeneezer	25	43	68	4		2	6	9	3		16	28		22
Fairfield	20	40	60	11	5	1	17	2	2	1		5	12	
Faulks	56	102	158	4	5		9		4	3		7	2	
Herman	30	50	80	4			4	1				1	3	
Hamiltons Cross Roads	47	46	93	2			2	6	1	1	1	9		7
Hopewell	54	89	143	7			7	13	1	1		14		8
King Street—Waxhaw	25	35	60		2		2	5		1		6		4
Macedonia	40	63	103	10	1		11	1		1		2	9	
Marshville	101	137	238	14	27	2	43	23	1	1	7	32	11	
Meadow Branch	133	203	336		4	1	5	17		3		20		15
Mill Creek	86	108	194	6	10	3	19	5	2	2		8	11	
Monroe	118	160	278	10	31		41	9	2	1	21	33	8	
Mt. Pleasant	36	50	86	5	3		8	16	10	1		27		19
Mt. Olive	30	62	92	1	1		2	4				4		2
Mt. Harmony	97	118	215	32	5	3	40	2		2		4	36	
Mountain Springs	50	45	95	4	6	1	11		2	2		4	7	
Mt. Moriah	60	65	125	23	1	2	26	4	2			6	20	
New Salem	15	31	46	5	3		8	3				3	5	
New Home	15	29	44	4	1		5	2				2	3	
New Hope														
North Monroe	29	44	73	3	16		19	27	1	1		29		10
Oak Grove	48	63	111	1	2		3	9	1			10		7
Olive Branch	38	93	131	7	1	1	9	3	2			5	4	
Philadelphia	89	135	224	33	3	7	43	5	2	2		9	34	
Pleasant Hill	53	80	133	13	6	3	22	3	1	5	1	9	12	
Roanoke	26	26	52	13	5	3	21		3			3	18	
Sandy Ridge	64	75	139	9	6	2	17	3	3		2	8	9	
Sardis	32	33	65	14	6		20	1	1		1	3	18	
Shiloh	57	97	154	7	6	5	18	10	12	2	2	26		8
Union	43	67	107	11	4	2	17	8		1		9	8	
Waxhaw	61	123	189	10		1	11	4	1	1		8	3	
	1732	2548	4280	302	175	41	517	201	59	39	51	349	162	

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL.		No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Schools.	Total Officers, Teach'rs. Schls	Av. Attend'ce During Year.	No. of Times Met in Year.	Baptisms from School.	Quart'lies and L. Helps Taken	School Expenses.	Contributions
Antioch	J S Baucom	Unionville No. 1	8	60	68	43	50	----	202	$ 4 25	$ 2 16
Benton's Cross Roads	J. S. Simpson	Monroe No. 2	5	33	38	20	47	3	180	3 69	------
Bethel	F. A. Marsh	Marshville No. 1	4	37	41	18	----	5	36	9 50	88
Corinth	Findly Franklin	Monroe No. 9	4	73	77	55	----	3	232	6 74	2 00
Deep Springs	H. W. Preslar	Peachland	6	40	46	26	----	----	48	4 00	------
Ebeneezer	G. W. Baucom	Monroe No. 6	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------	------
Fairfield			----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------	------
Faulks											
Herman	W H. Helms	Waxhaw No. 1	5	62	67	31	49	4	65	6 25	7 50
Hamiltons Cross Roads	J. B. Staton	Marshville	4	40	44	30	40	----	140	3 00	------
Hopewell	W. L. Biggers	Unionville No. 1	4	50	54	30	32	6	50	4 20	------
King Street—Waxhaw	J. T. Black	Waxhaw	5	35	40	20	50	----	80	16 00	------
Macedonia	J. B. Mangum	Monroe No. 8	6	39	45	32	----	7	59	3 50	------
Marshville	J. C. Morgan	Marshville	9	103	112	76	51	----	234	25 89	32 44
Meadow Branch	J. W. Bivens	Wingate	13	150	163	115	52	----	291	18 60	109 79
Mill Creek	W. E. Williams	Unionville No. 2	7	41	48	40	50	5	317	6 90	11 13
Monroe	F. B. Ashcraft	Monroe	12	175	187	125	52	8	125	100 50	130 65
Mt. Pleasant	M. L. Davis	Monroe No. 1	6	45	51	35	36	2	150	3 00	------
Mt. Olive	A. E. Rushing	Marshville No. 3	7	54	61	55	24	2	84	7 50	1 00
Mt. Harmony	J. E. Sustar	Mattnews	9	138	147	97	52	9	160	25 20	------
Mountain Springs	R. W. Hair	Monroe	6	45	51	38	35	4	58	4 72	------
Mt. Moriah			----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------	------
New Salem			----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------	------
New Home	J. J. Williams	Peachland	6	50	56	35	----	1	50	------	------
New Hope			----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------	------
North Monroe	M. N. Bivens	Monroe						2			
Oak Grove	J. M. King	Monroe No. 5	4	50	54	35	36	----	37	2 25	------
Olive Branch	J. W. Pritchard	Olive Branch	5	75	80	35	----	2	60	6 00	------
Philadelphia	M. C. King	Marshville	5	60	65	45	30	18	50	3 00	1 41
Pleasant Hill	J. W. Thomas		10	50	60	38	14	7	35	3 90	------
Roanoke	A M. Price	Monroe	6	42	48	32	----	----	35	2 20	------
Sandy Ridge	D. C. Montgomery	Monroe No. 9	7	60	67	50	----	----	----	3 81	------
Sardis			----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------	------
Shiloh	A. B. Helms	Monroe No. 6	9	72	81	39	31	5	160	3 75	------
Union	H. F. Parker	Monroe No. 1	5	60	65	35	38	10	40	------	------
Waxhaw	L. M. Riner	Waxhaw	7	63	70	48	50	3	100	9 07	------
			184	1802	1986	1278	819	105	3078	287 42	298 96

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

Fifty-Fourth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Union Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

UNION CHURCH

October 8-11, 1908

PASTORS, OFFICERS, ETC.

Executive Board.

O. M. Sanders,
J. H. Williams,
J. B. Mangum,
F. B. Ashcraft,
B. A. Sustar.

Officers of the Association.

J. W. Bivens, Moderator ---- Wingate, N. C.
R. H. James, Vice Moderator ---- Marshville, N. C.
W. T. Baucom, Clerk ---- Route 6, Monroe, N. C.
F. B. Ashcraft, Treasurer ---- Monroe, N. C.

Trustees of Wingate School.

J. L. Bennett,
J. W. Bivens,
Thomas E. Williams,
J. B. Mangum,
J. F. Moore,
F. M. Sutton,
W. P. Griffin,
J. E. Sustar,
I. A. Clontz,
O. M. Sanders,
J. A. Bivens,
B. F. Parker,
A. C. Davis,
E. C. Williams,
J. F. Gordon.

Ordained Ministers.

J. A. Bivens	Route 3, Monroe, N. C.	R. H. James	Marshville, N. C.
T. B. Little	Marshville, "	H. G. Bryant	Olive Branch, "
A. C. Davis	Olive Branch, "	T. C. Irby	Waxhaw, "
A. Marsh	Marshville, "	C. A. G. Thomas	Monroe, "
J. L. Bennett	Wingate, "	W. F. Estridge	Waxhaw, "
M. D. L. Preslar	Route 1, Monroe, "	J. L. Shinn	Marshville, "
J. G. Gulledge	Route 1, Monroe, "	E. C. Snider	Wingate, "
M. C. King	Robeson, N. C.	J. F. Hammond	Wingate, N. C.

Pastors.

Antioch	T. P. Little	Mt. Olive	M. D. L. Preslar
Benton's Cross Roads	J. L. Bennett	Mt. Harmony	J. L. Bennett
Bethel	M. D. L. Preslar	Mountain Springs	R. H. James
Corinth	J. A. Bivens	Mt. Moriah	Fairly D. King
Deep Springs	A. Marsh	New Salem	————
Ebeneezer	H. G. Bryant	New Home	A. Marsh
Fairfield	J. G. Gulledge	New Hope	————
Faulks	A. C. Davis	North Monroe	T. C. Irby
Herman	W. F. Estridge	Oak Grove	R. H. James
Hamilton's Cross Roads	A. Marsh	Olive Branch	T. P. Little
Hopewell	J. L. Bennett	Philadelphia	J. F. Hammond
King Street (Waxhaw)	W. F. Estridge	Pleasant Hill	T. P. Little
Macedonia	A. Marsh	Roanoke	J. A. Bivens
Marshville	J. L. Shinn	Sandy Ridge	T. C. Irby
Meadow Branch	W. F. Estridge	Sardis	M. D. L. Preslar
Mill Creek	A. Marsh	Shiloh	M. D. L. Preslar
Monroe	Chas. A. G. Thomas	Union	A. C. Davis
Mt. Pleasant	H. G. Bryant	Waxhaw	W. F. Estridge

Minutes of Fifty-Fourth Annual Session, Union Baptist Association.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Session of the Union Baptist Association met with Union church on October 8th, 1908. After introductory sermon by Rev. J. L. Shinn (Isaiah 14:24) followed by recess and a scripture lesson by Rev. Chas. A. G. Thomas, the Association was called to order by Bro. J. W. Bivens, the moderator of the preceding session. Letters from the churches were called for and the following messengers were found to be present:

Antioch—J. V. Hagler; Benton's X Roads—W. C. Simpson, J. L. Benton; Bethel—J. L. Leonard, E. E. Huggins; Corinth—J. S. Spittle; Deep Spring—J. D. High, J. S. Dees; Ebenezer—W. A. Griffin, J. D. Helms, J. E. Rowell; Fairfield—J. C. Griffin; Faulks—T. G. Collins, S. F. Snider, A. M. Newsome; Hermon—J. E. Bigham. R. W. Flow; Hamilton's X Roads—T. P. Little; Hopewell—R. Pope, J. W. Gardner, H. E. Pope; King Street—J. R. Eason; Macedonia—W. V. Cuthbertson, J. B. Mangum; Marshville—A. Phifer, A. Marsh; Meadow Branch—W. V. Williams, N. W. Bivens; Mill Creek—N. W. Braswell, C. D. Benton; Monroe—H. E. Copple, R. F. Beasley, T. C. Lee; Mt. Pleasant—D. C. Rape; Mt. Olive—A. E. Rushing, J. H. Morgan; Mt. Harmony—J. E. Sustar, L. A. Ferguson, J. W. Philips; Mountain Springs—A. D. Moore, S. R. Preston; Mt. Moriah—P. H. Mills; New Salem—_____; New Hope—W. B. Smith; New Home—Samuel Stegall; North Monroe—W. T. Helms; Oak Grove—J. M. King; Olive Branch—J. W. Pritchard, Isaac Newsome, James Alexander; Philadelphia—J. E. King, J. G. Gulledge, E. D. Stegall; Pleasant Hill—Pastor T. P. Little; Roanoke—A. M. Price, J. W. Watkins; Sandy Ridge—A. F. Helms, H. T. Montgomery; Sardis—_____; Shiloh—F. M. Sutton; Union—B. F. Parker, E. R. Snider, H. M. Baucom; Waxhaw—L. M. Riner, J. H. Godfrey.

After enrollment of delegates Rev. A. C. Davis moves that the rules be suspended and all officers elected by acclamation. The motion carried and the body selected unanimously the following officers: J. W. Bivens, moderator; R. H. James, vice-moderator; W. T. Baucom, clerk; F. B. Ashcraft, treasurer.

The moderator appointed the following committee on order of business: Rev. A. Marsh, R. D. Redfearn, J. E. Sustar.

On motion all speeches, except opening speech are limited to ten minutes.

The committee on order of business make report as follows for the evening session: 2 o'clock, aged minister's relief; 3 o'clock, temperance.

The moderator calls for report on aged ministers' relief and the following report is read by the writer, J. F. Hammond:

Report on Aged Ministers' Relief.

The Minister's Relief Board was organized by order of the Baptist State Convention May 3rd, 1890, and has made considerable

progress in the past fifteen years. Our contributions for this association have increased from $15.13 to $108.92. Let us contribute of our means to the support of these faithful servants of God, and if they have passed over the river, let us see to it that their widows have the necessaries of life. If these men had labored as faithfully at some kind of business as they did at preaching, they would have come to old age with means of their own for support. If they had invested the money which they gave to help build up the Lord's cause in North Carolina in some paying enterprise they would have been worth more today than some of us who are able to give to them. But what would have been the condition of the Lord's cause in the State today? They felt the need, saw the opportunity, and realized the responsibility, and gave themselves with what they had, and the Lord is blessing us as the result of their labors and sacrifices. Only small amounts are given to each benefiiciary, just enough to supply actual necessity. The board has never asked for large contributions, but has endeavored to get every church to give something to this object. The Lord has said, "take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Levite as long as thou livest upon the earth." The ministers who have given their time, their talents and their energies of soul and body to the work of the Master, and for the good of humanity, should, in their old age, be supported by those for whom they have labored so long and faithfully. We as a Baptist denomination cannot or should not let them suffer for food and raiment. If God in ancient times required this of his people he must surely require as much or more of us, with the privileges we have today. Let every church pledge something for the coming year. There were seventeen last year which did not contribute anything, and only nineteen contributed. Let us not neglect to do our part toward them, and then we may hope to reap a reward with them on the bright and golden shore.

Respectfully submitted, J. F. HAMMOND.

After being ably discussed by the writer and others, report is adopted.

The writer not being present, Bro. O. C. Curlee was asked by the moderator to prepare report on Temperance, which was prepared and read as follows:

Report on Temperance.

If you will refer to our report on this subject in the minutes of 1904, you will find us writing thus: "We have awakened to a sense of duty to the American homes, to the boyhood and motherhood and to the great God that rules us. We see the onward sweeping tide of temperance in our own association, as well as throughout the State of North Carolina. The ministry is to be praised for preaching it more and more, and the laity for talking it. We should all thank the Lord for the great crusade that is on in North Carolina, which was largely promoted and is being fostered by the three leading denominations of our State, viz: the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist."

Four years have gone and we live in the historic year of 1908.

We find a State election called with ballots reading thus: "For" or "against" the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors; and on the 26th day of May, 1908, we gained a great victory, carrying the State for prohibition by a majority of about 44,000, the result of which providing for the closing of the saloons and distilleries in North Carolina on the first day of January, 1909—the first State in the South to enact prohibition by vote of the people. So we see that the battle has been fought and the victory won, but not all, for satan and all our adversaries are in ambush and using all the skill they can command to dethrone us and enter into power again; so we must be vigilant all the while, because our great common enemy does not sleep.

We do hope that if there are any of satan's "cohorts" still in the church of God, that they will come over on solid ground and stand with the church and with our Lord Jesus Christ on this great question until we shall have driven this crowning curse not only from the Southland, but from the American continent.

After being interestingly discussed by O. C. Curlee and others, the report was adopted.

The committee on Order of Business having prepared their report, pre sent same and on motion it is adopted, as follows:

Report on Order of Business.

Friday—9:30 a. m., devotional exercises; 10:00 a. m., Education; 11:00 a. m., Home Missions; 12:00 m., intermission; 1:00 p. m., Woman's Work; 2:00 p. m., Periodicals; 3:00 p. m., State Missions.

Saturday—9:30 a. m., devotional exercises; 10:00 a. m., Foreign Missions; 11:00 a. m., Orphanage; 12:00 m., intermission; 1:00 p.m., Sunday School.

After adoption of report, Rev. A. C. Davis announced homes for delegates.

Committees on the various phases of business were announced by the moderator, as follows:

On Digest of Letters—Rev. J. L. Shinn, W. V. Williams, W. T. Baucom.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons of Union church.

Finance—T. C. Lee, J. B. Mangum, F. M. Sutton.

Requests and Queries—H. E. Copple, E. C. Snider, H. E. Pope.

Obituaries—W. F. Estridge, A. E. Rushing. H. G. Bryant.

To Nominate Executive Committee—J. L. Bennett, J. L. Benton, J. R. Eason.

On motion the association adjourns to reassemble Friday, 9:30 a. m.

Friday's Session.

After prayer lead by Rev. A. Marsh, the body was called to order by the vice moderator. The minutes of the preceding day's work were read, corrected and approved, after which, on motion, the subject of Home Missions, instead of Education, was taken up at 10 a. m., and the report as follows was read by the writer, Rev. J. L. Shinn:

Report on Home Missions.

The Lord continues to place the seal of his blessing upon the efforts of the Home Mission Board. The work of our home board is divided into six departments:

1. Mountain Schools.—The mountain region in which the home board is conducting schools, embraces an area of territory 750 miles long and 150 miles wide. It contains 149 counties and a population of 2,500,000. This work is in the mountains of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky. There are 24 schools, 132 teachers, and we give instruction to more than 5,000 students. In the last eight years about 400 have completed the course of study in these schools, about 390 of whom have gone to college. Also we have given instruction to 253 ministerial students, 89 of whom became missionaries. We have this year 85 ministerial students. The property of these schools is valued at $345,000. There are 900,000 boys and girls in this region. Let us go to their help with the gospel and means of giving them an education.

2. Work Among the Negroes.—If the negro be the "white man's burden," then the people nearest the burden must bear the larger share. He is here to stay: It is our duty to give him the gospel, as we have it, so that he will become a better helper in the business world.

3. Work in Cities and Among Foreigners.—The home board has worked in every capital city in the South, except Frankfort, Ky. She is pushing her work in Baltimore, New Orleans, Little Rock, and many other cities of our Southland. As the years come and go conditions change; we must meet them. Foreigners are coming this way at the rate of 1,000,000 a year. They bring their religion with them. Shall we not meet them with the sweet story of the Christ? The home board is trying to give them the helping hand along this line.

4. Cuba, Isle of Pines and Panama.—The work in Cuba is moving along nicely. It is more hopeful than ever before. A spirit of revival pervades our work. Our churches are filled at nearly every service. The future is growing brighter for its 2,000,000 people. The day is not far distant when this people will stand out for the right along religious lines, as well as political. The work of the board has been hindered in the Isle of Pines, because of much agitation of a political nature. This has been removed, largely, so the work is in a much better shape. Panama has the eyes of the world turned upon her. The greatest engineering feat of the ages is taking place there, the digging of the canal. The home board is planting the gospel in the hearts and lives of the people along the canal, so that, after this highway shall have been opened, we can come in touch with the peoples who pass by and give them the word of God.

5. Church Building and Loan Fund.—In many places in the South and great Southwest our work is retarded for lack of church buildings. The board is trying to meet the situation by lending help. This is a department of our work that should be brought more prominently before our people.

6. Department of Evangelism.—This department of our work

has been in operation for nearly two years. We have seven evangelists in the field. All are doing fine work, as they go from place to place preaching Christ.

STATISTICS FOR YEAR PAST.

Missionaries	961
Churches and stations supplied	2,630
Sermons and addresses	126,239
Visits	227,474
Baptisms	22,402
Received by letter	18,015
Churches organized	337
Houses built and improved	338
Sunday schools organized	1,057

The board is in need of funds. Let us move forward by giving of our means to this work. Your committee,

J. L. SHINN.

After interesting and impressive speeches by the writer and others, the report is adopted. After adoption of report, pledges were taken and show some increase over last year, but they are still below what they should be.

The following visiting brethren are recognized by the moderator and make short talks in response: Rev. H. C. Moore, Rev. Braxton Craig and Prof. E. L. Middleton.

At the suggestion of Rev. H. C. Moore, the subject of State Missions, instead of Periodicals, was called for at 11 a. m., in order to give Bro. Craig an opportuuity to discuss the subject. In the absence of the writer, Bro. R. F. Beasley, the subject without report was ably discussed by Rev. Braxton Craig, after which pledges were taken and show an increase of nearly 25 per cent., which should be gratifying to all; also a cash collection was taken amounting to $21.00.

Report on State Missions.

Prepared by Rev. A. Johnson by request of writer.

A wise philanthropist in helping a college, if he wanted to give any considerable amount, would put his money in endowment rather than to be used in current expenses. A hundred thousand dollars given to current expenses would pay the salary of fifty professors for one year, but given to endowment and wisely invested it would pay the salary of two professors for all time to come; or suppose three professors were employed and paid annually out of this fund until it was exhausted, they could be retained for sixteen years, but invested as endowment they could be retained until they died of old age and others would take their places, and so on from generation to generation until the end of time.

State Missions is our denominational endowment. Money invested in State Missions touches our denominational life at every point and multiplies itself in very many ways. When the convention was organized 78 years ago, the purpose of its organization was the evangelization of the State and through the State ultimately the evangelization of the world. It is impossible to give a statement of the work done by State Mission

boards through these years. We may say in general terms that half of the churches in the State were organized by missionaries of the board, and that these churches thus organized are giving two-thirds of the money to carrying on the Lord's work. If we knew every person that was converted on a mission field, every dollar that was spent in the erection of houses of worship on these fields, and every Sunday school that has been organized, we would still fall far short of the results of State Mission work. It would be necessary to give just what each of these churches has done during its existence for all objects of the convention, for our schools and colleges, and in short for everything that has for its object the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. Of course, it is impossible for us to give these facts, but if we could do that we would still not arrive at the results of State Missions, for we must take into account the influence of these churches through the years to come. To give the money that should go to State Missions to some other object in order to relieve a pressing need, is like taking endowment funds and putting it to current expenses, or like the farmer who would grind his seed corn because he needed his daily bread. To convert the seed corn into bread means to cut off the hope of a future crop; to use the endowment of an institution to meet current expenses means that the doors of that institution must soon be closed, and so to use State Mission funds or funds that should go to State Missions for any other objects, no matter how important, is suicidal to our denominational work. Much has been accomplished through State Missions, but very much remains to be done. In the east there are great stretches of destitution, in the middle section of the State new towns are springing up and old ones are taking on new life, in the west there is great material development insistent upon the building of railroads. All these call loudly to the State Mission Board for help, and we must depend upon the contribution of the churches to meet these urgent demands.

On motion the association adjourns to reassemble at call of moderator.

Friday Evening's Session.

After the association had been called to order by the vice moderator, the roll of committees was called by the clerk and vacancies filled by the moderator's appointment.

The moderator calls for report on Periodicals, but the writer having failed to bring or send his report, it was decided by the body to enter into the discussion of the subject without a report. In his discussion of the subject, Rev. H. C. Moore ably set forth many good reasons why every member should read his church paper. Among other things he truthfully declared that "our best church workers are those who read religious papers."

Report on Periodicals.

Early in the history of our convention the brethren saw the need of a paper through whose columns the churches of the State could be reached and enlisted in our denominational work. In 1833 a monthly journal was published by Thomas Meredith, which was in a short time changed to a weekly. This paper, the Biblical Recorder, has gone on through all the years with few interruptions.

None of us can appreciate its tremendous influence in the building up of all our denominational work. It has carried light into many dark corners, it has been a unifying force, from every section of the State news of the Kingdom has been published week by week within its columns. Reaching as it does 12,000 subscribers, representing something like 60,000 readers, it affords an opportunity for scattering light and information that no other agency does. If the Recorder were to go out of business to-morrow and no such paper published for a decade, all our denominational enterprises and institutions would be seriously if not hopelessly embarrassed. But through the Recorder, appeals are made in behalf of all our denominational work, which appeals call forth a response from every section of the State. Our people should appreciate the opportunity and show their appreciation by giving to it a hearty support. Within the next twelve months the subscription list should run up to at least 20,000. Bro. Hight C. Moore, the present editor, is peculiarly qualified for the position he holds. He has literary ability and training, is a consecrated christian, and a man of sweet and gentle spirit, beloved by all who know him. The denomination is to be congratulated on having its paper edited by such a worthy brother.

Charity and Children is the organ of the Orphanage. No one can keep up with the progress that this beloved institution is making without the weekly visits of Charity and Children. It not only tells of affairs of the Orphanage, but discusses topics of general interest, and as a literary journal will be helpful to the inmates of any home.

We would also commend the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., in the interest of foreign missions; and the Home Field, published by the Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted, N. D. JOHNSON.

In order to give Prof. E. L. Middleton an opportunity to discuss the subject, the body decided to disregard the regular program and consider Sunday school work at this hour. The moderator calls for report on Sunday Schools, which is read by the writer, W. T. Bancom, as follows:

Report on Sunday Schools.

Believing as we do, as Baptists, that the evangelization of the world or the enlargement of the kingdom of Christ depends largely upon the knowledge our people have of the Bible, too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the Sabbath school, or teaching work of the church. That our Sunday school work is improving can be seen by the following statistics:

In 1906, with one-eleventh of the church members, North Carolina had one-seventh of the Sunday school scholars in the Southern Baptist Convention. Four years ago our published Sunday school statistics roundly were 1,200 schools, with 8,000 officers and teachers, and an enrollment of 96,000. The figures for last year were 1,679 schools, 11,050 officers and teachers, and an enrollment of 136,467. Considering the fact that North Carolina has 1,850 Baptist churches, with a membership of 205,000, we at once see that

there is still much room for improvement in Sunday school work in our own State.

The work is not what it should be even in the Union Association. Last year we had 36 churches, with 4,280 members. Six of these churches were without Sunday schools, and in the other thirty only 1,986 scholars, including all officers, were enrolled. There must have been at least 2,304 of our members not engaged in Sunday school work, considering the scholars made up entirely of members. More than half of our members are neglecting the duties they owe to the cause of Sunday schools. What does the world think of such carelessness? How can we improve along this line of church work? If our superintendents and teachers could realize more keenly the fact that they are interpreters standing between God and their people to communicate His word to them, I believe our schools would be much improved. We owe it to the child, in the interest of the Sunday school and church to make good impressions upon his mind while it is young and tender.

Errors exist in this enlightened age because their exponents have recognized the plastic nature of the child. In many Northern States atheistic Sunday schools are indoctrinating thousands of Bohemian children in the grossest and most ribald tenets of atheism, and to-day that people stand in our midst almost a solid phalanx against christianity. To meet and defeat these and other existing evils, we must impress our Baptist principles not only on the minds of the children but upon the minds of our members as well, and nowhere can this better be done than in the Sunday school. Many passages of Scripture might be cited to attest that there is an indispensible relation between doctrine and christian conduct. If it is necessary for the future of our faith to have Baptists well proportioned and full of stature, surely the most essential thing is for the molding hand to work upon hearts that are wax and minds that are clay. Once get the vision of the great doctrines of our faith before the child and have him fall in line with them, and you will have in manhood a contender for that faith, a pillar in the temple of truth.

In view of the great deficiency in our Sunday school work and the need of more unfaltering contenders for the faith, we recommend that our schools lay more stress upon both spiritual and doctrinal teachings.

Respectfully submitted,
W. T. BAUCOM.

After an able discussion of the subject by Bro. E. L. Middleton, the report was adopted and for the first time since the organization of the Union Association, pledges were taken on Sunday school work. Thus the churches are reaching out, desiring to do more to extend the Kingdom.

On motion Bro. J. W. Bivens was appointed as a committee from this association to keep in touch with Sunday school secretary of the State.

Rev. A. Marsh is appointed by the moderator to conduct devotional exercises Saturday morning, after which the association adjourns to reassemble Saturday, 9:30 a. m.

Saturday's Session.

After devotional exercises conducted by Bro. E. L. Middleton, Rev. E. C. Snider was ordained to the full work of the ministry by the presbytery.

At the request of the moderator, the body was called to order by the vice moderator. The minutes of Friday's session were read and approved, after which the moderator calls for report on Education. In the absence of the writer, Prof. B. Y. Tyner was requested to prepare and submit a report on the subject, which he did and read as follows:

Report on Education.

In our opinion the ministry of our denomination is not keeping pace with the rapid advance along educational lines in our State. The present demand for strong ministers is great, and where we are unable to furnish them our interests must suffer. The denominational schools of our State are offering special advantages to ministerial students, and our college and seminary are making it possible for them to secure the higher education if they will hear not only the call of God to service, but also His call to preparation for more efficient service.

And in order for our denomination to reach the greatest proficiency in service, it must have not only able ministers, but an educated and appreciative laity. Schools are fast being established and few, if indeed any, boys and girls in our State have a valid excuse for failing to avail themselves of the opportunities that the State and association are placing in their midst.

The demand for well equipped teachers in our own schools cannot nearly be filled, and sister States are asking for hundreds of teachers yearly. What a glorious opportunity for the advancement of the cause of Christ and for the dissemination of Baptist doctrines! Wake Forest College and the Baptist University for Women has each added to its excellent curriculum a department of education for the special training of teachers, and they are urging students to take advantage of this department.

It is strongly urged that we as a denomination awake to our interests and our opportunities and heartily support our preparatory schools and colleges, for in them the future of our cause largely lies? State or denomination, which? Respectfully,

BUNYAN Y. TYNER.

After able and interesting speeches on the subject by the writer and others, the report was adopted.

The committee on Digest of Letters offer report as follows, which on motion is adopted:

Report on Digest of Letters.

We, your committee on Digest of Letters submit the following report:

Membership—Received by baptism, 194; letter, 223; restoration, 25; dismissed by letter, 170; excluded, 45; dropped, 3; died, 36.

Finance—Pastors' salary, $4,423.21; Foreign Missions, $681.85; Home Missions, $355.77; State Missions, $244.69; Orphanage, $479.59; Aged Ministers, $80.91; Ministerial Education, $35.83; Poor, $176.85; Incidentals, $661.11; Building and Repairs, $3,625.73; Other objects, $451.25; Minute Fund, $57.33. Value church property, $41,815.00.

W. V. WILLIAMS,
J. L. SHINN,
W. T. BAUCOM.

Report on Obituaries.

We find a number of deaths during the past year: Benton's Cross Roads, 1; Corinth, 1; Fairfield, 1; Faulks, 1; Hopewell, 2; King Street, 2; Marshville, 2; Meadow Branch, 3; Mill Creek, 1; Monroe, 2; Mt. Pleasant, 1; Mt. Olive, 3; Mountain Springs, 2; New Home, 1; North Monroe, 1; Oak Grove, 1; Roanoke, 1; Shiloh, 2; Union, 2; Waxhaw, 2.

W. F. ESTRIDGE,
H. G. BRYANT.

The association having been pledged at the last State convention to raise $100 to help complete endowment fund of Wake Forest College, each pastor is requested to take one collection at each of his churches to help meet this pledge.

The moderator having called for report on Foreign Missions, the report, in the absence of the writer, Rev. Chas. A. G. Thomas, is read by the clerk as follows:

Report on Foreign Missions.

The greatest command of our Master was his last, and the work which it commands is the most important and greatest work of the churches. The duty of the church is to obey this last command. There is no choice in the matter, it is our most binding obligation, positive and imperative. We must obey, or fail in our work. The failure to obey is a repudiation of His authority, and a separation of ourselves from His presence. The man who fails to obey this last command is a traitor to God and has no right to claim any blessing at His hands.

The wonderful success of this work has attracted the attention of the greatest thinkers of all nations, and called forth their highest commendation and approval. The rich blessings which have followed in the wake of missions have become a perpetual appeal to the most needy of the world's nations, so that we hear the united cry of the perishing millions coming daily from the regions beyond saying through the returning missionary, "Tell your people how fast we are dying, and ask them to send the gospel a little faster." The work is God's, it has the approval of the world's noblest men; the lost of all nations are longing and looking to us to supply the great need, and our crucified Savior calls us to send the glad tidings to the uttermost parts of the world. It now remains for us to take up this work and do it with all our might for the glory of God. The Foreign Board asks an increase in our contribution to reach the insignificent sum of 25 cents per member per year, or two and one-

twelfth of a cent per month from each member. The Foreign Board has not magnified itself nor the work in asking so little. Every man, woman and child in Union Association ought to give at least five cents per month to this great work during this associational year. This small sum would make our associational offering amount to $2,500 for Foreign Missions instead of $635. We can do this if we will. CHAS. A. G. THOMAS.

After able discussion by Rev. J. L. Shinn and others, the report was adopted and pledges taken showing an increase of nearly $12.00 over last year.

On motion the report on the Thomasville Orphanage was called for and read as follows by the writer, Rev. A. Marsh:

Report on Orphanage.

For about twenty-four years the Baptists have been providing a home for orphan children. During these years God has wonderfully blessed our work. The Orphanage is a home where the children are reared in the fear of the Lord and prepared for the duties of life. At present there are 385 children in this home who are to be cared for. The Baptist people of North Carolina, under the good hand of God, are the only source of supply to which they can look. Not only are we caring for the children, but God has made it a great blessing to us in drawing us close together as brethren.

As the number of children increases year by year, and the expenses of living are greater, of course there is a continual increase in all expenses, and to meet this increase we must enlarge our offerings for this institution.

We hear that more than four hundred Sunday schools are setting apart one Sunday in each month as Orphanage day, which is proving a great blessing to the Orphanage. We earnestly recommend that—

First, Regular monthly collections be taken in all of the Sunday schools in our association.

Second, That Thanksgiving day be observed and collections be taken on that day, or the Sunday nearest to it, in every church.

A. MARSH.

After interesting speeches by the writer and others, the report was adopted and pledges taken which show a liberal advance over last year. A cash collection was also taken amounting to $17.50. Renewals and subscriptions to Charity and Children amounted to $14.50. Several superintendents took ten copies at club rates for the benefit of their schools.

On motion the association adjourns for one hour.

Saturday Evening's Session.

After prayer the association was called to order by the moderator and report on Woman's Work called for. The report prepared by Mrs. F. B. Ashcraft was, at her request, read by Rev. J. L. Shinn as follows:

Report on Woman's Work.

In reporting woman's work we have cause, first, for profound gratitude that a few more women in this last associational year have caught the spirit of missions. They stand ready with such as God has given them: time, prayer, sympathy and money, to aid in sending the good tidings of peace on earth and good will to men, to those who have never heard of how "our Lord from above, in his infinite love, on the cross died to save you and me."

Encourage the women of your churches, pastors and laymen. Out of the gratitude of a full heart she would empty her alabaster box of love for those who have never heard the blessed invitation, "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." Leave no stone unturned in bidding her God speed. The women of enlightened America whom God has so graciously blessed, feel keenly the call of our benighted heathen sisters to come over and help them. We see them in our vision as they stand with helpless, hopeless faces beckoning to us in mute appeal for something which we possess—the Bread of Life. And shall we with indifference turn our faces from them, thereby betraying our ingratitude to Him who placed us where woman is honored and revered? Let it not be so.

We report with pleasure the organization of three new societies during the year, namely: the Woman's Missionary Society at Mill Creek, and one at Old Waxhaw; and the Young Woman's Auxiliary at Monroe. We have now nine societies in the association: the W. M. S. and Sunbeams at Marshville, the W. M. S. and Sunbeams at Wingate, and the three at Monroe. These societies are to instruct and inform its members on the subject of Missions, hoping thereby to make real missionaries of them. They contribute their mites systematically, gathering in the course of the year a good sum. All the societies of the association have contributed during the year something over $300 to State, Home and Foreign missions. This money is reported through the churches to the association; as some one has said the societies getting no credit for what they do, but this is not the goal for which we are working.

We bring to you no new and untried experiment asking your support. The W. M. U. of the S. B. C. celebrated its twentieth anniversary at Hot Springs last May. We feel honored in that our own beloved Miss Fannie Heck is the president of the W. M. U. Auxiliary to the S. B. C. She is also the president of the State Union. The contributions from the women, girls and children of the S. B. C. to all mission objects for last year was over $200,000.

In the minutes of the three last associations the committee on Woman's Work recommended that all our pastors endeavor to form societies and encourage those already formed. These recommendations were adopted without a dissenting voice. Brethren, shall the adoption of the report be the ending of it? It is for you to say what the answer shall be.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. B. ASHCRAFT.

After very interesting discussion by Rev. J. L. Shinn and oth-

ers the report is adopted, after which all the ladies are requested to retire to the school house, where Mrs. Ashcraft, the president of the woman's missionary work, is to hold a meeting in the interest of this great cause which every man should manfully support.

The Treasurer submits his report, which is adopted, as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

Statement of amounts received and disbursed for associational year ending October 7, 1908:

Collected for State Missions	$ 250.79	
Paid to State Missions		$ 250.79
Collected for Foreign Missions	575.45	
Paid to Foreign Missions		575.45
Collected for Home Missions	295.31	
Paid to Home Missions		295.31
Collected for Orphanage	484.81	
Paid to Orphanage		484.81
Collected for Aged Ministers	58.18	
Paid to Aged Ministers		58.18
Collected for Ministerial Education	19.03	
Paid to Ministerial Education		19.03
Collected for Minute Fund	63.88	
Paid for Minutes		53.88
Paid to Clerk		10.00
Collected for Sunday School Missions	5.25	
Paid to Sunday School Missions		5.25
Collected for Bible Fund	1.85	
Paid to Bible Fund		1.85
Collected for Prohibition Cause	1.45	
Paid to Prohibition Cause		1.45
Total amount collected	$1,756.00	
Total amount paid out		$1,756.00

Respectfully submitted, F. B. ASHCRAFT.

The committee on Requests and Queries report as follows, and report is adopted:

Report on Requests and Queries.

We, your committee on Requests and Queries, find that—

Oak Grove, Olive Branch, Fairfield, Mt. Pleasant, Waxhaw, Shiloh, King Street, and Mountain Springs churches ask the prayers of the association.

North Monroe, Sandy Ridge, Mill Creek, Hopewell, Mt. Harmony, and Marshville invite the association to convene with them in its next session.

H. E. COPPLE,
H. E. POPE,
E. C. SNIDER.

Miscellaneous.

By a strong majority vote the association selected Marshville as the place to hold its annual session for 1909. Rev. J. A. Bivens was appointed to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. A. C. Davis, alternate.

Trustees of Wingate School report as follows, and report is adopted:

Report on the Wingate School.

The Trustees of the Wingate School beg to report:

1. A Change of Management.—Prof. M. B. Dry, who had served so faithfully as principal since the school was first established, resigned in May and has taken work in another part of the State.

2. Present Management.—We have secured the services of Prof. B. Y. Tyner as principal and Prof. J. G. Carroll as associate principal, both graduates of Wake Forest College and well prepared for their work. They are ably assisted by Miss Addie Tyner of the Baptist University for Women, and Miss Mary Bryan of the Durham Conservatory of Music.

3. Present Condition.—The school is running nicely. The student body is up to the average of former sessions, and better work has never been done in the school than so far in the present session.

4. Equipment.—New patent desks have been provided for each department, where needed, in addition to those already in use; and other necessary repairs have been made. The teachers also have gone to much individual expense and trouble to fit up their respective departments for the best service possible. So every department of the school is well equipped for most efficient and thorough instruction.

5. Financial Condition.—We owe $14.00 for insurance, $5.00 for repairs, and about $225.00 for desks, all of which is now due.

6. Present Needs.—Most of all, the school needs the ardent support of the entire association. The local co-operation is all that could be desired. It also needs the endorsement and patronage of adjacent associations, and recognition by our State Baptist Convention, in case that body undertakes to aid our secondary schools; all of which should in some way be secured.

7. Trustees.—The term of office of the following Trustees expires with this session of the association, viz: O. M. Sanders, E. C. Williams, B. F. Parker, J. A. Bivens and J. W. Bivens.

Respectfully submitted, TRUSTEES.

The Trustees having incurred a debt for necessary improvements at Wingate School, were empowered by the association to borrow money to meet these obligations for the present.

Trustees Re-Elected.

On motion all Trustees whose time had expired were re-elected.

Bro. A. E. Rushing tenders his resignation as a trustee. On motion his resignation is accepted and Rev. A. C. Davis is appointed to fill the vacancy.

The association having empowered the moderator to appoint committees to meet the Pee Dee, Stanly, Mecklenburg and Cabarrus associations in the interest of the Wingate School, makes the following appointments:

To Pee Dee Association—O. M. Sanders, Prof. B. Y. Tyner.

To Stanly Association—Rev. A. C. Davis, J. W. Bivens.

To Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association — Rev. J. L. Bennett, J. E. Sustare.

Delegates to State Convention.

O. M. Sanders, Rev. A. C. Davis, Rev. J. L. Bennett, R. F. Beasley, Rev. J. L. Shinn, Rev. R. H. James, W. T. Baucom, H. E. Copple.

Rev. Chas. A. G. Thomas was appointed as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention; W. T. Baucom, alternate.

Writers for Next Year.

Foreign Missions, W. F. Estridge; Home Missions, H. E. Copple; State Missions, J. G. Gulledge; Orphanage, Robt. Gibson; Education, J. G. Carroll; Periodicals, V. T. Chears; Aged Ministers' Relief, A. M. Newsom; Temperance, O. M. Sanders; Woman's Work, E. C. Snider; Sunday Schools, J. C. Morgan.

On motion the association decided to revive the union meetings to be held each fifth Sunday, and Rev. A. Marsh, O. M. Sanders and Prof. B. Y. Tyner were appointed as a program committee.

The Union Association received and acknowledged greetings from the Yadkin and Philadelphia colored association, and by unanimous vote returned those greetings, wishing for that association much success in spiritual works.

On Sunday at 11 a. m., Rev. J. L. Bennett preached an able sermon from Job 21:22. He was followed at 1 p. m. by Rev. H. G. Bryan, preaching from Luke 2:14.

This completed the work for this associational year, and the association thus adjourned takes up its work for a new year, to reassemble with the church at Marshville on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1909.

Pledges for Next Year.

CHURCHES.	Ministerial Education.	Aged Ministers Relief.	Orphanage.	State Missions.	Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday Schools.
Antioch	$ 1 00	$ 1 50	$ 2 00	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$	$
Benton's X Roads	1 00	1 50	5 00	3 00	3 00	5 00	50
Bethel	2 00	2 00	9 00	9 00	5 00	9 00	
Corinth	1 00	3 00	11 00	5 00	5 00	6 00	1 00
Deep Springs	1 00	1 50	3 00	3 00	3 00	4 00	50
Ebenezer	1 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	5 00	50
Fairfield			*2 00	*2 95	*2 25	*3 00	50
Faulks	1 00	5 00	15 00	10 00	1 50	12 00	1 00
Hermon	5 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	50
Hamiltons X Roads		1 29	*7 00	*3 00	*3 91	7 50	
Hopewell	1 00	2 00	5 00	8 00	5 00	6 00	1 00
King St.—Waxhaw	5 00	7 50	17 50	20 00	5 00	17 50	5 00
Macedonia	1 00	2 00	6 00	5 00	8 00	7 00	
Marshville	5 00	12 50	50 00	35 00	20 00	100 00	5 00
Meadow Branch	10 00	10 00	45 00	40 00	75 00	50 00	5 00
Mill Creek	1 00	2 00	8 00	5 00	6 00	12 00	
Monroe	15 00	20 00	125 00	50 00	75 00	200 00	
Mt. Pleasant	1 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	4 00	50
Mt. Olive	1 00	1 00	5 10	5 00	3 00	10 00	
Mt. Harmony	1 00	5 00	30 00	20 00	20 00	105 00	1 00
Mountain Springs	1 00	2 50	6 00	4 00	2 00	6 00	50
Mt. Moriah	1 00	4 00	5 00	7 50	7 50	5 00	
New Salem	1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00			
New Home	1 00	1 70	5 00	3 00	4 00	5 00	50
New Hope		1 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	
North Monroe	*1 00	*1 00	*1 00	*1 00	*1 00		
Oak Grove	2 00	2 00	6 00	4 00	3 00	5 00	1 00
Olive Branch	3 00	2 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	6 00	1 00
Philadelphia	*1 00	4 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	20 00	1 00
Pleasant Hill	1 00	1 00	3 00	3 00	2 50	8 00	
Roanoke		*2 31	*5 73	*4 10	*3 15	*4 72	
Sandy Ridge	1 00	1 50	5 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	50
Sardis		4 00	5 00	4 00	2 50	5 00	
Shiloh	2 00	2 00	7 00	5 00	3 00	15 00	
Union	*2 00	*4 00	*23 98	*12 28	*12 28	*30 00	*1 00
Waxhaw	1 00	3 00	20 00	4 00	2 00	15 00	2 00

*Paid.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.			Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Drop. from roll	Total.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.
	M.	F.	Total											
Antioch	29	48	77	11		1	12		1			1	11	
Benton's Cross Roads	37	58	95	2	4	2	8	2		1		3	5	
Betnel	24	29	53					4						4
Corinth	36	52	88	8	9		17	2	7	1		10	7	
Deep Springs	26	62	88	2			2	5	2			7		5
Ebeneezer	25	42	67	1	1	1	3	4	1			5		2
Fairfield	27	37	64	6	4		10		2	1		3	7	
Faulks	62	105	167	5	6	1	12	3	2	1		6	6	
Herman	35	54	89	7	1		8		1			1	7	
Hamilton's X Roads	45	50	95	3	3		6	5	1			6		
Hopewell	50	87	137	8		1	9	10		2		12		3
King Street, Waxhaw	25	36	61		7		7	2		2	2	6	1	
Macedonia	41	53	94	1	2		3	3				3		
Marshville	83	133	216	2	10		12	18		2		20		8
Meadow Branch	136	180	310		3		3	8		3		11		8
Mill Creek	88	107	195	8	5		13	9		1		10	3	
Monroe	101	139	240		10		10	24	3	2		29		19
Mt. Pleasant	33	59	92	13	3	1	17	7	5	1		13	4	
Mt. Olive	27	59	86					4		3		7		6
Mt. Harmony	131	134	265	38	22	2	62	3				3	59	
Mountain Springs	51	52	103	4	9	3	16		5			5	11	
Mt. Moriah	72	59	131	29	1		30	4	1	3		8	22	
New Salem														
New Home	15	28	43							1				1
New Hope														
North Monroe	35	52	87	7	18	1	26	8	3	1		12	14	
Oak Grove	44	59	103			1	1	11	2	1		14		13
Olive Branch	36	91	127		1		1	4				4		3
Philadelphia	81	119	200	1	3		4	10	7	3		20		16
Pleasant Hill	51	78	129	2	2		4	3				3	1	
Roanoke	32	34	66	13			13			1		1	12	
Sandy Ridge	62	75	137	6	1	1	8	4	2			6	2	
Sardis	37	37	74	5	6		11	1					10	
Shiloh	56	99	155	5	2	1	8	9		2	1	12		4
Union	42	69	111	3	3		6	3		2		5	1	
Waxhaw	79	129	208	4	7	9	20			2		2	18	
Totals	1748	2505	4253	194	143	25	362	170	45	36	3	228		

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Total Officers, Teach'rs, Schls	Av. Attend'ce During Year.	No. of Times Met in Year.	Baptisms from School.	Quart'lies and L. Helps Taken	School Expenses.	Contributions
J. S. Baucom---No. 1, Unionville	8	65	73	44		11	75	$ 5 00	$
J. S. Simpson------No. 2, Monroe	7	39	46	23	45		36	3 00	
F. A. Marsh---------Marshville	4	33	37	15	44		42	4 13	
Findley Franklin--------Monroe	4	60	64	40	46	6	105	8 50	
G. W Baucom------No. 6, Monroe	6	30	36	20	36	1	35	2 62	
W. M. Haney---No. 1, Marshville	5	50	55	35	44	1	65	5 50	
W. H. Helms------No. 1, Waxhaw	5	55	60	30	52	5	60	6 00	12 00
J. B. Staton----------Marshville	5	40	45	30	30	1	50	3 00	
W. L. Biggers--No. 1, Unionville	5	50	55		30	5	55	4 00	
J. T. Black ---------- Waxhaw	6	38	44	25	48		75	13 26	
N. A. Funderburk--No. 1, Monroe	6	45	51	30	20		50	3 00	
J. C. Morgan----------Marshville	11	167	178	94	50	2	180	46 36	64 33
J. W. Bivens----------Wingate	14	189	203	133	52		265	27 69	121 39
T. F. James----No. 2, Unionville	7	50	57	40	51	2	50	5 00	
F. B. Ashcraft----------Monroe	14	169	183	125	52		320	86 99	379 71
W. E. Walden------No. 1, Monroe	6	34	40	30	20	8	38	2 35	
F. H. Morgan--No. 1, White Store	5	30	35	25	17		39	4 00	
J. E. Sustar----------Matthews	14	119	133	96	52	24	250	27 07	
J. R. Hair--------- No. 8, Monroe	6	40	46	30	25	4	45	5 00	
P. H. Mills-----No. 3, Marshville	8	140	148	90	52	18	140	11 39	11 00
J. J. Williams---------Peachland	5	25	30	30	40		27	4 00	
J. B. Nash ----------Monroe	5	30	35	28	52	3		12 15	
J. B. Underwood--No. 5, Monroe	5	50	55	30	36		45	2 70	
J. W. Pritchard-----Olive Branch	5	55	60	22	51			4 00	6 56
J. G. Gulledge------No. 1, Monroe	7	60	67	42	35	1	55	5 00	
B. L. Goodwin----------Monroe	6	36	42	20	41		40	4 00	
J. H. Melton-------No. 4, Monroe	7	60	67	43	45	5	32	5 86	
W. D. Presley------No. 6, Monroe	7	83	90	45	30		75	9 00	
A. B. Helms -------No. 6, Monroe	9	60	69	35	25	4	76	3 00	
G O. Tucker------No. 1, Wingate	6	30	36	35		3	72	4 62	
L. J. Waters----------Waxhaw	6	50	56	45	48		91	7 70	
	214	1982	2196	1330	1169	104	2486	316 09	594 99

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor.	Minute Fund.	Buildings and Repairs.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers.	Education.	Other Objects.	Total of all Expenses and Contributions	Seating Capacity.	Value of Property.
Antioch	J. F. Hagler ---No. 1, Unionville	$ 54 00	$	$	$1 19	$	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$ 3 50	$ 2 13	$1 00	$	$13 80	$ 77 62	250	$ 300 00
Benton's Cross Roads	J. S. Simpson------No. 2, Monroe	60 00	16 00		70	310 00	3 00	1 00	5 00	4 00	1 50	1 00		405 20	300	600 00
Betuel	H. D. Leonard---No. 3, Marshville	100 00			1 50	50 00	9 00	4 00	9 00	6 00	2 00	1 00	4 27	186 77	350	700 00
Corinth	R. W. Helms-------No. 7, Monroe	75 00		1 15	1 75		4 00	5 00	5 00	10 45	2 12	2 70	20 70	127 77	300	450 00
Deep Springs	L. B. Phifer ---------Peachland	50 00			1 05		4 00	3 50	5 00	2 00			4 95	70 50	450	700 00
Ebeneezer	G. W. Baucom---No. 6, Monroe	60 00			1 00		3 55	3 85	5 75	5 70	2 55	1 00	3 60	87 00	300	500 00
Fairfield	J. C. Griffin, Jr.---No. 2, Marshville	50 00	17 65		1 20		1 95	2 25	3 05	2 85				91 55	350	450 00
Faulks	E. F. Haney ------No. 1, Wingate	100 00	3 96		1 87		10 34	6 03	14 70	21 26	5 00	1 00	15 75	179 31	450	600 00
Herman	J. E Bigham-----No. 2, Waxhaw	100 00		10 00	1 40		7 00	6 40	7 00	5 00				166 40	300	300 00
Hamilton's X Roads	M. L. Sinclair --------Marshville	70 00	6 00		1 25		3 00	3 91	5 00	7 00			10 00	106 16	400	700 00
Hopewell	W. L. Biggers--No. 1, Unionville	100 00	5 37	2 00	3 00	136 28	8 00	3 00	12 00	6 82	2 00		13 75	292 77		
King Street, Waxhaw	J. R. Eason-----------Waxhaw	258 34	61 53	1 50	1 50		10 50	3 00	15 00	15 00	5 00	3 00	10 00	382 87	400	1 500 00
Macedonia	A. L. Funderburk--No. 1, Monroe	66 00	8 00		1 25		5 00	4 00	7 00	6 00	2 00			99 25	400	600 00
Marshville	B. H Griffin----No. 1, Peachland	260 00	56 94		3 00		30 25	11 40	90 00	80 35	9 36	5 00	41 60	587 90	500	2 000 00
Meadow Branch	W. V. Williams---No. 1, Wingate	153 60	5 00		4 38		28 45	46 23	58 07	41 20		5 00		336 93	600	1 500 00
Mill Creek	W. O. Hagley---No. 2, Unionville	88 45	15 25	8 90	2 00		7 85	7 15	14 66	10 00	2 00			156 26	500	1 300 00
Monroe	H. E. Copple-----------Monroe	1250 00	175 00	44 28	3 50	2751 00	51 36	193 10	200 00	120 00	20 00	9 81	257 51	5076 34	500	18 000 00
Mt. Pleasant	M E. Walden------No 1. Monroe	53 30	35	3 85	95	43 10	1 30	1 47	3 95	1 10				109 37	350	300 00
Mt. Olive	E. E McRae-------White's Store	100 87			1 75		5 00	3 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	12 00	138 95	800	1 000 00
Mt. Harmony	B. T. Sustare----------Matthews	150 00	46 00	3 00	1 25		10 00	5 00	105 00	25 00	2 00			384 25	750	1 500 00
Mountain Springs	A. D. Moore--------No. 8, Monroe	105 15			90		2 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	1 50			121 55	300	800 00
Mt. Moriah	P. H. Mills-----No 3, Marshville	160 00	70 00		2 00		5 00	7 50	7 50	8 00	2 00			284 89	225	250 00
New Salem																
New Home	J. J. Williams --No. 1, Peachland	33 25			1 00		2 00	3 00	3 00	3 10	1 00		6 80	52 05	300	350 00
New Hope																
North Monroe	W. T. Helms----------Monroe	100 00	19 80	1 00	1 10	49 40	1 00	2 00		1 00	1 00			188 45	300	500 00
Oak Grove	C. B. Gordon----------Monroe	50 00		11 00	1 05		2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	1 00		6 00	79 75	400	700 00
Olive Branch	E. H. Baucom------Olive Branch	75 00			1 50		5 00	4 05	6 00	7 26	3 50	1 32		104 18	450	1 000 00
Philadelphia	M. L. Baker--------No. 1, Monroe	105 25	12 66	3 63	2 75		5 00	5 00	15 00	8 00	4 00	2 00	11 50	174 54	400	700 00
Pleasant Hill	T. F. Bryant---No. 1. Olive Branch	50 00	5 80				3 00	2 50	8 00	3 00	1 00			73 30	300	500 00
Roanoke	J. H. Price----------Monroe	60 00	18 10	35 00		63 00	4 10	3 15	4 72	5 73	2 31		5 03	201 14	300	465 00
Sandy Ridge	D. C. Montgomery-No. 9, Monroe	60 00	15 00		1 10		2 00		4 00	4 00	1 00			92 96	300	500 00
Sardis	A. L. D. Bumgarner-Indian Trail	50 00		12 00	60	197 57	2 00	2 00	3 95	3 80					300	625 00
Shiloh	A. B. Helms----------Monroe	75 00	10 50	5 85	1 00	3 88	8 00	4 00	10 00	5 00	1 07	1 00		123 30	300	600 00
Union	H. F. Parker-------No. 1, Monroe	120 00	56 00	20 00	1 50		12 28	12 28	30 00	23 94	4 00		12 00	292 00	500	825 00
Waxhaw	W. M. Crow ----------Waxhaw	180 00	6 20	9 20	1 75		3 11	2 00	8 00	20 00		1 00	10 00	241 26	600	2 000 00
Totals		4423 21	661 11	170 86	57 34	3623 73	244 69	355 77	681 85	479 59	80 91	35 83	458 26	9664 38	13 225	42 815 00

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH MARSHVILLE CHURCH OCTOBER 7-10, 1909

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Minutes of the Fifty-Fifth Annual Session, Union Baptist Association.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Session of the Union Baptist Association met with the Marshville church on October 7th, 1909. Introductory sermon by Rev. M. L. Kesler, (Isaiah 53:11). At 1:30 P. M., the Association was called to order by Bro. J. W. Bivens, the moderator. Letters from the churches were called for and names of the messengers enrolled as follows:

Antioch—G. W. Medlin, J. S. Baucom, J. I. Williams; Benton's X Roads—J. K. Trull, J. L. Benton, H. C. Simpson; Bethel—W. T. Morgan; Corinth—W. J. Watts, J. S Spittle, T. J. Caudle; Deep Springs—J. D. High, J. F. Nance, W. A Caudle; Ebenezer—H. W. Hasty, G. W. Baucom, J. E. Rowell; Fairfield—E. M. Helms, T. C. Griffin, J. C. Griffin; Faulks—S. J. Helms, Calvin Nash; Herman—W. H. Helms, S. M. Carter; Hamilton's X Roads—M. L. Sinclair, S. B. Staton, R. A. Hamilton; Hopewell—R Pope, I. A. Connell, H. E. Pope; King Street (Waxhaw)—J. T. Black, J. R. Eason, W. R. Godfrey; Macedonia—J. B. Mangum, W. E. Funderburk; Marshville—Wheeler Sturdivant, F. W. Ashcraft, M. F. Phifer; Meadow Branch—J. C. McEntire, H. A. Redfearn, J. B. Pierce; Monroe—G. M. Beasley, J. H. Williams, J. H. Benton; Mill Creek—I. A. Clontz, E. Simpson; Mt. Pleasant—J. C. Walden, M. L. Davis, J. H. Rape; Mt. Olive—A. E. Rushing; Mt. Harmony—R. Gibson, J. E. Sustar; Mountain Spring—A. D. Moore, S. S. Collins, J. I. Hair; Mt. Moriah—W. A. Evans, P. H. Mills, Jos. Mills; New Hope—W. B. Smith; North Monroe—Wm. Privett; Oak Grove—J. F. Gordon, D. B. Howell; Olive Branch—H. W. Thomas, J. F. Gaddy; Philadelphia—V. T. Chears, Albert Baker, Durin Smith; Pleasant Hill—J. M. Birmingham, W. V. Smith; Roanoke—E. W. Price, A. C. Helms, J. Watkins; Sardis—A. L. D. Bumgarner; Sandy Ridge—H. T. Montgomery, J. H. Milton, J B. Griffin; Shiloh—W. T. Griffin; Union V. C Baucom, S Smith, B. F. Parker; Waxhaw—J. T. Williams.

The Moderator announced that the association was ready for the election of officers. Rev. A. C. Davis moves that the rules be suspended and a l officers be elected by acclamation. The motion carried and the association selected unanimously the following officers: Moderator, J. W. Bivens; vice moderator, V. T. Chears; clerk, B. H. Griffin; treasurer, F. B. Ashcraft.

The Moderator appointed Rev. A. Marsh, I. A. Clontz and E. C. Snider committee on order of business. The committee on order of business reported as follows for the afternoon and evening sessions: 2:30, aged ministers' relief; 3:00, temperance; 7:30, devotional exercises; 8:00, orphanage.

Report on Aged Ministers' Relief.

The Aged Ministers' Relief Board was organized about nineteen years ago. Since that time it has made wonderful progress. Our contributions for this object have increased seven fold during this short period of time. It is the duty of every Baptist church, and christian as well, to contribute of our means to this worthy object and prepare homes for the pioneer preachers who opened the way and laid the foundation on which we are building. The main pillars of our church of today are converts of these faithful messengers of Christ. The years have relapsed upon them until many are aged and infirm. Devoting their time to the cause of Christ, they have failed to accumulate wealth as many others have done. It is the

duty of the strong to bear the infirmities of the weak. Let us take this matter to heart and show our appreciation of their loyalty and faithful service by contributing more liberally to their support and care of the widows of those who have gone to the unknown world, who stayed the hands of the soldiers of Christ during the fierce battle between right and wrong.

Faithfully submitted, R. M. HAGLER.

This subject was discussed in the absence of the report by Rev. G. O. Wilhoit, Rev. J. S. Farmer and Rev. A. C. Davis. Roll of churches called and pledges taken for next year. Report was read and adopted later.

Temperance.

Owing to the death of O. M. Sanders, no report was ready, but the question was ably discussed by Rev. M. L. Kesler, Rev. A. C. Davis and W. B Smith, who laid great stress on the importance of temperance habits and warned us of the tactics of the wary saloon politicians and emphasized the necessity of enforcing the law.

The committee on order of business presented its report, which was adopted.

Report on Order of Business.

FRIDAY—9:30 a. m., devotional exercises; 10 a. m., Periodicals; 10:30 a. m., Home Missions; 11 a. m., State Missions; 12 m., adjourn; 1:30 p. m., Woman's Work; 2:30 p. m., Foreign Missions; adjourn at will; 7:30 p. m., sermon.

SATURDAY—9:30 a. m., devotional exercises; 10 a. m., report on the Wingate School; 11 a. m., Education; 12 m., adjourn; 1:30 p. m., Sunday Schools; 2:30 p. m., miscellaneous business; adjourn at will.

Rev. A. Marsh announced homes for the delegates. The Moderator announced the following committees on business:

Finance—Jas. H. Williams, H. A. Redfearn, J. B. Mangum.

Digest of Letters—B. H. Griffin, M. D. L. Preslar, W. H. Helms.

Request and Queries—R. H. James, E. M. Helms, H. E. Pope.

Obituaries—J. L. Bennett, S. Smith. J. H. Benton.

To Nominate Executive Board—A.E. Rushing, T.P. Little, J. A. Bivens.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons of Marshville church.

On motion the body adjourned.

Seven-thirty p. m., prayer by Rev. J. S. Farmer; devotional exercises conducted by Rev. G. O. Wilhoit, reading the 60th Psalm.

Report on Orphanage.

For about twenty five years the Baptists have been providing a home for orphan children, and during all these years God has wonderfully blessed our work. The Orphanage is a home where the children are reared in the fear of the Lord and are prepared for the duties of life. At this time there are about 390 children in this home to be cared for, and the Baptists of North Carolina are their only source of supply. Not only are we caring for the children, but God has made it a great blessing to us in drawing us closer together as brethren. As the number of children increases year by year and the expense of living is greater, why, of course, the expenses increase; and, brethren, we must enlarge our offerings for this noble cause. We hear that about five hundred Sunday schools are setting apart one Sunday in each month for Orphanage day, and it is proving a great benefit to

the Orphanage. We would recommend that the first Sunday be set apart as Orphanage day. We would recommend that Thanksgiving day be observed and a collection be taken for the little ones and that all our churches be more liberal towards the dependent ones this year than they have ever been. Respectfully submitted, ROBT. GIBSON.

On motion the report was adopted after an earnest speech by the writer and Bro. M. L. Kesler, who talked interestingly of the workings of the Orphanage. A cash collection was taken amounting to $13.77.

FRIDAY'S SESSION.

Nine-thirty a. m., prayer by Rev. R. H. James; devotional exercises conducted by Rev. M. D. L. Preslar, reading from the 4th chapter of Matthew.

Ten a. m., the association called to order by Moderator. The minutes of previous day read and approved.

Rev. J. A. Calligan of the Presbyterian church and Rev. L. T. Cordell of the Methodist church were recognized and welcomed to seats in the body. On motion Woman's Work, instead of Home Missions, was taken up at 10:30 a. m., so as to give the women an opportunity to hear the report and discussion as their meeting was to be held at 1:30 p. m.

The Moderator called for the report on Periodicals, which was read by the writer, V. T. Chears.

Report on Periodicals.

Year after year and for a number of years, reports and essays have been written and speeches made on this subject. Our best educated and most pious men have eloquently told of the benefits to be gained and good done by the Baptists of this association and State of North Carolina, taking first the Biblical Recorder and then other religious journals. But after all that has been said and written, it is a fact, a lamentable fact, that there are many Baptist homes in our association and State to which the Biblical Recorder is a perfect stranger, and the name of Charity and Children is unknown. If the above is true, their writing and speaking, however valuable in the association, will never accomplish the desired end, and many of our people are still to remain in ignorance and be indifferent to the needs of our denomination and the responsibility resting upon them. Then, I ask what is the remedy? Who can devise the plan that will cause our people to enlist in the spread of the gospel, the education of the ministry, the care of the orphans, and all other work required of them? I think it must be done by our best organizers, our most prudent men and our deepest thinkers. Admitting the vast good that has been accomplished by work in our association, in my opinion, if we ever reach the desired end, the foundation must be laid in our churches. Here the question naturally arises, who is to lay this foundation? Who is to enlist the members in this work? If I call upon the deacons, I am told that many of them do not take the Biblical Recorder or any other religious literature. Assuming that all our pastors take it (or will subscribe at once) and being leaders of their flock, they can accomplish much by bringing the matter before their respective churches and training them in the same. V. T. CHEARS.

On motion the report was adopted after being ably discussed by the writer, Rev. J. S. Farmer, Rev. A. C. Davis and Rev. M. D. L. Preslar.

Report on Woman's Work.

The Woman's Missionary Union has become one of the greatest helpers of the Home and Foreign Mission boards. It stimulates the missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and children of the churches, and of aiding in the collection of funds for missionary purposes to be disbursed by the State Mission Board and the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. We urge the pastors to assist them in their work. E. C. SNYDER.

The writer and Rev. T. P. Little discussed the subject well, after which John E. Ray was called for and responded in a most entertaining speech which was well received. Others spoke briefly. The report was adopted.

Report on State Miissions.

What is State Missions? It is the seed bed from whence springs all other mission work, or the foundation on which the whole superstructure of missions rest. Then it behooves us to look well to the foundation work, and see that we make the foundation strong and look well to the preparation of the seed bed. This can best be done by increasing our contributions to State Missions. So we advise all the churches of this association to increase their contributions to State Missions at least 25 per cent for the next year. "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass"—Isaiah 32: 20. This is one among many passages in the Bible that teaches the doctrine of missions. The Bible teaches us that it is our duty to preach the gospel to every creature.
J. G. GULLEDGE.

The writer spoke on the report very briefly, yielding his time to Rev. L. Johnson who made an earnest and instructive speech, after which the report was adopted. A collection was taken for Rev. J. D. Bowen, one of our State missionaries, who has a genuine case of pellagra and is in need of expert medical treatment. The collection amounted to $41.06. On motion the body adjourned for one hour and a half. Benediction by Rev. L. Johnson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After prayer by John E. Ray, the moderator called the association to order and the report on Home Missions was called for. H. E. Copple, the writer, read the following report:

Report on Home Missions.

We should maintain Home Missions, because missions lie near the heart of the Lord and he has told us to preach the gospel to every creature; because increasing population makes Home Mission work more extensive and important; because the normal growth of the church is in and through missions; because many of our own people together with nearly a million of foreign speaking people are annually pouring into our large cities and the West; because Home Missions is the foundation, support and guarantee of Foreign Missions. The Home board is doing work in some of the larger cities of the South, in Cuba and the Ilse of Pines, in the Panama regions

and in the great Western frontier. Year after year the work of the Home board is expanding and enlarging. But while the work is gradually enlarging, the possibilities of the Southland are becoming more fully realized, and the consequent inflow of humanity, both domestic and foreign, into our larger cities, into Cuba, and our vast frontier territory is immense. God in his all wise providence is leading these foreigners to the land of the free and they stand at our doors without the bread of life. Brethren, what shall we do with them? H. E. COPPLE.

The writer, Rev. A. C. Davis, Rev. L. Johnson and Robert Gibson made effective talks, after which the report was adopted. The roll of churches was called and pledges taken for State Missions which showed an increase over previous pledges.

Report on Foreign Missions.

The great commission, the broadness of the field, and the ripeness of the harvess make it our duty to formulate plans for a great forward movement in foreign mission work. What has been done already, with our almost insignificant efforts, is full proof that the heathen world can be evangelized in this generation, if we will do even half what we can do. The figures show that the christian nations have done very little, comparatively, towards this great work. Our treasurer's report for last year shows that this association paid only $575.45 to Foreign Missions, less than 12c per member. Our Foreign board asked for an increase to 25 cents per member. The pledges for this year showed an increase of $12 over last year's receipts. No christian can afford to pay less than 25 cents a year to this great work. Yet there were in the Southern Baptist Convention last year 10,080 churches that did not pay one cent to their part of the Lord's work. The opinion of the writer is, that the great need today is more knowledge of the mission fields and a deeper insight into the meaning of the great commission. This vision must first come to the pastors and through them to the lay members. We can't do a better thing than to persuade our people to inform themselves on the Foreign Mission situation. It is estimated that there are 675,000,000 heathens who cannot be reached, by the present force of missionaries on the foreign field, in this generation. Unless the force of laborers is increased, these souls must all go into eternity without an opportunity to hear that there is a Christ. The passing of this generation will close the opportunity to them and to us. What will we do about it? To evangelize all the heathen in this generation will cost the christian world but $2.80 per member per year. Surely we can spend that much in order to give all men an opportunity to be saved. Shall we go on as we have been going? W. F. ESTRIDGE.

The writer being absent, the clerk read the report. Discussed by Robt. Gibson, Rev. M. D. L. Preslar and Rev. J. G. Gulledge, and adopted. On motion the roll of churches was called and pledges taken for Orphanage, Home Missions and Foreign Missions. Motion to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. J. S. Farmer. At 7:30 p. m. Rev. L. Johnson preached an effective sermon to a large and appreciative audience.

SATURDAY'S SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Joe Harris of the Pee Dee Association. The association was called to order by the moderator. The minutes of Friday's session were read and approved. The moderator called for report on the Wingate School. Rev. J. L. Bennett submitted a report as follows:

Report on Wingate School.

In reporting the condition of our work at Wingate, we are glad to be able to say that the school is in a prosperous condition. Under the efficient management of Profs. Tyner and Carroll, the attendance has gradually increased until the enrollment for the present session is 212 students, fifty-three of whom are boarding students. The school enjoys the hearty co-operation of the entire community in the matter, both of local patronage and moral support. Since our last report the spring has been greatly improved by incasing it in cement, which was done without cost to the association. Two lots have been sold and the proceeds applied to our indebtedness, leaving a balance due on equipment of about $160.00. Our greatest need at present is an up-to-date school building, with modern equipment. The school can never go much beyond its present attainment without it. There are two vacancies on the board of trustees, one caused by the death of our beloved brother, O. M. Sanders, and the other by the resignation of Bro. J. F. Gordon, which it is the duty of this association to fill.

J. L. BENNRTT, Chm. Bd. of Trustees.

The report was adopted after being ably discussed by Rev. D. M. Austin, J. L. Bennett, Prof. B. Y. Tyner and Rev. R. H. James. The moderator then called for the report on education. Prof. J. G. Carroll was the writer and his report read as follows:

Report on Education.

Education is an artificial process. It represents in the individual what civilization represents in racial development. It enables your son and your daughter to enter the battles of life prepared for the emergencies. Your children have a right to this inheritance of knowledge. It is our duty to teach them the thoughts and deeds of the men who have been the leaders of civilization for many centuries. It is the highest hope of parents to lay up treasures for their children. Many a father has passed the zenith of his life, yet he toils from early morn till late at night to give his son a start in life. In order to give him the best preparation, he should be trained physically, mentally and spiritually. Unless we have these three sides of his nature developed, he cannot be called a man in the fullest meaning of the word. In consideration of these things, christian education is best suited to the development of a young life. Its institutions are the Home, the School, and the Church. The education should begin in the home. There they should be taught to obey their parents and to reverence God. The school is responsible for a large part of this training. In the school the teacher should be a person of noble character, for he stamps not only his habits

and manners, but his inclinations and disposition on the child.

The church should be the guardian of the home and the school. It should superintend and so blend the training of both, as to present to the world its best product—a young, well-educated christian. Today the church should be educating its young members, in order that it may have efficient leaders a few years hence. The Baptist denomination must have christian teachers and christian missionaries, if they wish to take part in the purpose of the civilized nations—to evangelize the world. The Union Association owns a school that ranks with the foremost of the State. Let me urge you to enter into the full possession of this blessing. When it comes to higher training, Wake Forest College for young men stands almost without a peer. Meredith College offers to young women the very best advantages. J. G. CARROLL.

On motion the report was adopted after being discussed by the writer in a cool and sensible talk that appealed to our common sense. He was followed by Dr. R. T. Vann who spoke eloquently on christian education. On motion the association adjourned for one hour and a half. Benediction by Dr. Vann.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by moderator. After prayer, lead by Rev. H. G. Bryant, the report on Sunday schools was called for and in the absence of the writer Rev. Joe Harris read the report by his request.

Report on Sunday Schools.

The necessity of the Sunday school is an acknowledged fact by most Baptist people. However, this feature of church work, compared with the importance of it, is being more neglected today than any other feature of church work. Ninety per cent. of all active church workers today are men and women that were taught the Bible early in the Sunday school. The church has no better way or means of developing its young members than in the Sunday school. If we neglect the development and training of our young members the world will lead them off and they will be of no good to the cause of Christ. The Sunday school is the richest and ripest field open to christian people today except the home which is or should be the foundation of all training. The members of our churches who do not attend the Sunday school are not measuring up to the full standard of his or her duty, and are throwing their influence against the Sunday school. May God help us to realize that the enlargement of his kingdom and the evangelization of the world depends laregly on the efforts we put forth to know and to teach his word.

J. C. MORGAN.

Motion to adopt, after which Rev. Joe Harris, A. J. Pope, J. W. Bivens and Rev. J. G. Gulledge made earnest pleas for more interest in this part of church work, giving many good suggestions. The moderator stated that there was nothing before the body and that all committees that were ready could report. The committee on obituraries submitted the following:

Report on Obituaries.

We find that the good Lord has called away 49 of our brethren since our last session. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved, and we exhort all to be in readiness by being dutiful to our heavenly Father for the summons will soon come to us all.

J. L. BENNETT,
SANFORD SMITH, } Committee.
J. H. BENTON,

On motion the report was adopted after being discussed feelingly by Bro. J. W. Bivens, referring to the death of his most intimate friend; Bro. A. E. Rushing, who spoke of the great loss in his church of a good Sunday school worker and honored deacon, and among others Rev. A. C. Davis and D. M. Austin paid tribute to honored dead.

Report of Committee to Nominate Executive Board.

We, your committe to nominate executive board, recommend the continuance of the old board with Bro. G. M. Beasley added as chairman to fill the vacancy of Bro. O. M. Sanders, deceased.

A. E. RUSHING,
J. A. BIVENS, } Committee.
T. P. LITTLE,

On motion the report is adopted.

Report on Request and Queries.

Faulk, Mill Creek and Mt. Harmony, request the next association to meet with them. Oak Grove requests the prayers of association.

R. H. JAMES,
E. M HELMS, } Committee.
R. POPE,

Report of Treasurer.

Statement of amounts received and disbursed for associatioal year ending October 6th, 1909.

Collected and paid to State Missions	$275.01
Collected and paid to Foreign Missions	620.32
Collected and paid to Home Missions	302 84
Collected and paid to Orphanage	447.73
Collected and paid to Aged Ministers	78.60
Collected and paid to Ministerial Education	43.82
Collected and paid to Minute Fund	56.23
Collected and paid to Sunday School Missions	13.73
Collected and paid to Bible Fund	6.76
Collected for Wake Forest Endowment	22.41
Total amount collected	$1867.45
Amount on hands for Wake Forest Endowment	22.41

On motion the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Finance.

We, your committee on finance, report as follows:

Ministerial Education	$15.95
Aged Ministers Relief	30.54
Orphanage	87.89
State Missions	72.88
Home Missions	48.20
Foreign Missions	81.09
Sunday Schools	10.46
Minute Fund	53.20
House of Worship	1.70
Total	$401.91

J. K. TRULL,
H. A. REDFEARN,
J. D. MANGUM,
} Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

Committee on Digest of Letters not being ready to report, were authorized to complete report and insert in minutes.

Report on Digest of Letters.

Finance—Pastors Salary, $4,498.90; Incidentals, $700.09; Poor, $177.79; Minute Fund, $53.20; Building and Repairs, $1986.81; State Missions, $391.96; Home Missions, $428.20; Foreign Missions, $787.91; Orphanage, $627.10; Aged Ministers, $113.20; Education, $305.90; Other Objects, $291.20; total $9803.51; Value of Church Property, $41,391.00.

Membership—Received by baptism, 195; letter, 147; restoration, 27; dismissed by letter, 200; excluded, 57; died, 50; dropped from roll, 35.

B. H GRIFFIN,
M. D. L. PRESLAR,
W. H. HELMS,
} Committee.

Miscellaneous.

On motion the body decided, by one majority, to hold its next session with Mt. Harmony, on Thursday before the second Sunday in October 1910.

Delegates to State Convention.

Rev. A. C. Davis, Rev. R. H. James, Rev. J. L. Bennett, Rev. A. Marsh, Rev. E. C. Snider, J. W. Bivens.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. A. Marsh; alternate, Rev. T. P. Little.

Writers for Next Session.

State Missions, R. F. Beasley; Home Missions, A. C. Davis; Foreign, M. D. L. Preslar; Orphanage, H. G. Bryant; Education, R. M. Hagler; Periodicals, B. Y. Tyner; Aged Ministers' Relief, B. C. Ashcraft; Woman's Work, J. H. Benton; Temperance, T. P. Little: Sunday Scools, F. A. Marsh.

Program Committee for Union Meetings—Rev. J. L. Bennett, Rev. A. Marsh and Prof. B. Y. Tyner.

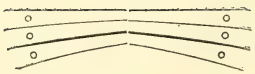
There were no pledges for ministerial education or Sunday school missions. Each church is earnestly requested by the moderator to take at least one collection for each of these objects at sometime during the year and let us not fall behind what we did for each last year.

This completed the business sessions of the association, and the body adjourned to take up its work with renewed energy for next year, and when it reassembles at Mt. Harmony may it be able to report great progress in widening Christ's kingdom.

Saturday at 7:30 p. m. Rev. A. C. Davis preached an excellent sermon.

Sunday at 11 a. m. Dr. Vann preached to a large and appreciative audience.

Motion will be made at next session to leave Sunday out of the association in the future. Delegates should be prepared to vote the sentiments of their churches.



PLEDGES.

CHURCHES	Aged Ministers Relief.	Orphanage.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Antioch	$ 2 00	$ 2 00	$ 2 00	$ 2 00	$ 3 00
Benton's X Roads	1 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	5 00
Bethel	2 00	9 00	5 00	10 00	9 00
Corinth	5 00	12 00	6 00	6 00	7 00
Deep Springs	2 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	5 00
Ebeneezer	2 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	4 00
Fairfield (paid)	------	5 00	2 50	3 00	3 00
Faulk	1 00	15 00	6 00	10 00	12 00
Hermon	3 00	5 00	5 00	6 00	5 00
Hamilton's X Roads (paid)	1 25	12 00	5 00	4 18	5 00
Hopewell	3 00	6 00	6 00	9 00	10 00
King Street, Waxhaw	5 00	30 00	10 00	15 00	10 00
Macedonia	2 00	8 00	8 00	5 00	8 00
Marshville	10 00	50 00	40 00	40 00	75 00
Meadow Branch	10 00	45 00	75 00	50 00	50 00
Mill Creek	2 00	10 00	8 00	8 00	12 00
Monroe	25 00	150 00	100 00	75 00	200 00
Mt. Pleasaut	2 00	5 00	4 50	4 00	4 00
Mt. Olive	1 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	10 00
Mt. Harmony	------	32 00	23 00	25 00	105 00
Mountain Springs	2 00	6 00	2 00	4 00	5 00
Mount Moriah	------	7 50	7 50	8 00	2 00
New Salem	2 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	2 00
New Home	1 50	5 00	5 00	4 00	5 00
New Hope	50	------	------	1 00	------
North Monroe (paid)	------	2 25	1 25	1 50	1 75
Oak Grove	1 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	7 00
Olive Branch	3 00	10 00	7 00	7 00	8 00
Philadelphia	4 00	10 00	7 00	7 00	20 00
Pleasant Hill	1 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	5 00
Roanoke (paid)	2 36	6 12	3 82	3 18	4 86
Sandy Ridge	1 50	6 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Sardis	------	4 00	3 00	3 00	5 00
Shiloh	3 00	8 00	4 00	6 00	10 00
Union (paid)	7 29	20 00	15 00	20 00	25 00
Waxhaw (paid)	3 00	20 00	2 00	5 00	15 00

Education—Fairfield 50c.; King St. $500; Roanoke $1.25.
Sunday School Missions—King St. $5.00.
Poor—Hamilton's X Roads $15.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor.	Minute Fund.	Buildings and Repairs.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers.	Education.	Other Objects	Total of all Expenses and Contributions	Seating Capacity Church	Value Church Property.
Antioch	C. P. Green—Unionville	$ 60 50	$	$	$1 20	$ 75 00	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$ 4 00	$ 2 00	$ 1 50	$	$	$151 30	250	$ 350
Benton's Cross Roads	H. C. Simpson—Monroe	75 00			1 00		3 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	1 50	1 00	12 60	106 10	300	600
Bethel	W. T. Morgan—No. 3, Marshville	100 00			1 25	150 00	9 00	5 00	9 00	9 00	2 00	2 00	12 50	298 50	350	700
Corinth	R. W. Helms—Mineral Springs	65 00	13 30	2 50	1 50	75	5 31	5 00	10 43	11 06	3 00	3 20		119 55	300	450
Deep Springs	L. B. Phifer—Peachland	65 00		4 41	80	1 50	3 00	3 00	4 00	3 00	1 50	1 00	6 80	93 11	400	500
Ebeneezer	G. W. Baucom—No. 6, Monroe	60 00			1 00			4 00	5 00	5 00	2 00		6 00	82 00	300	500
Fairfield	J. C. Griffin, Jr.—No. 2, Marshville	65 00	17 60		1 50	20 00	3 00	2 50	3 00	5 00			17 00	137 50	350	475
Faulks	E. F. Haney—No. 1, Marshville	100 00	4 47		1 50		10 00	7 30	12 00	18 06	2 20	1 10	27 91	184 04	450	600
Hermon	J. E. Bigham—No. 2, Waxhaw	125 00		10 00	60		5 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	8 15	180 65	300	300
Hamilton's X Roads	M. L. Sinclair—Marshville	70 00	6 00	15 00	1 00		4 18	5 00	5 00	12 00	1 25		14 68	135 36	400	800
Hopewell	W. L. Biggers—Unionville	100 00		1 00	2 40	16 27	8 97	7 40	13 95	11 16	2 00	1 30	14 36	176 40	500	700
King Street, Waxhaw	J. R. Eason—Waxhaw	200 00	34 65				20 00	5 00	18 50	17 50	6 50	5 00	5 00	331 38	400	1 500
Macedonia	A. L. Funderburk—No. 1, Monroe	60 00			1 25		5 00	6 50	7 00	6 00	2 00			89 35	400	500
Marshville	B. H. Griffin—Peachland	300 00	25 60	24 20	3 00	16 50	35 00	50 00	80 00	50 00	12 50	255 00		891 03	500	2 000
Meadow Branch	W. V. Williams—Wingate	300 00	16 52	16 28	4 00	79 25	40 00	75 00	50 00	56 89	15 05		30 00	727 06	600	1 500
Mill Creek	T. A. G. Price——	100 00	20 00	2 79	2 75		8 00	11 57	13 36	3 25	2 62			161 99	500	1 300
Monroe	H. E. Copple—Monroe	1250 00	383 00	60 41	3 50	775 04	125 27	146 43	292 30	236 21	20 00	15 37		3395 87	500	18 000
Mt. Pleasant	M. E. Walden—No. 1, Monroe	52 50	25	2 35	1 70		2 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	1 00	11 00	86 60	350	300
Mt. Olive	B. A. Rushing——	73 50			2 00		5 00	3 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	1 00		134 70	800	1 000
Mt. Harmony	B. H. Sustar—Matthews	165 00	47 25	8 00			20 00	20 00	105 20	30 00	5 00	1 00		417 25	750	1 800
Mt Springs	A. D. Moore—No. 8, Monroe	76 25			1 00		4 00	2 00	6 00	6 00	2 50	1 00		101 40	275	350
Mt. Moriah	P. H Mills—No. 3, Marshville	200 00				800 00	9 00	6 40	7 94	7 50				1047 84	225	250
New Salem	John H. Helms——	25 00			1 00		1 00	1 00		2 50	1 00			31 50		
New Home	J. J. Williams—Peachland	45 00		4 00	1 20		3 00	4 00	5 45	5 20	1 75	1 90	4 25	76 65	300	400
New Hope																
North Monroe	M. N. Bivens—No. 3, Monroe	50 50	19 80		1 00		1 50	1 25	1 75	2 25				92 75	300	500
Oak Grove	C. B. Gordon—No. 5, Monroe	50 00	1 75	2 60	1 60		4 00	3 38	5 38	10 00	2 18		6 00	85 29	400	500
Olive Branch	J. F. Gaddy—Olive Branch	75 00	35 45		1 50		5 00	5 00	6 00	13 00	2 00	3 00	65 00	223 00	400	1 000
Philadelphia	N. S. Rogers—No. 1, Monroe	100 00	7 25	2 00	2 75		5 00	5 00	20 00	15 16	4 00	1 00	5 60	174 98	500	600
Pleasant Hill	John Austin—No. 1, Olive Branch				1 25		3 00	1 50	8 00	3 00						
Roanoke	J. H. Price—Monroe	60 00	3 25	13 25			3 18	3 82	4 86	6 12	2 36	1 25	11 60	109 69	300	465
Sandy Ridge	D. C. Montgomery—No. 9, Monroe	75 00			1 00		2 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	1 50	1 00		92 00	400	400
Sardis	A. L. D. Bumgarner—Indian Trail	35 65	1 00	1 00	90	30 00	2 45	1 45	4 00	2 41				102 31	300	500
Shiloh	A. B. Helms—No. 6, Monroe	75 00	1 68		80		5 00	5 00	15 00	7 00	2 00	2 10	1 05	113 60	300	600
Union	H. F. Parker—No. 1, Monroe	100 00	11 40		1 50	22 50	20 00	15 00	32 70	25 89	2 29	2 58	21 70	258 86	500	750
Waxhaw	W. M. Crow—Waxhaw	125 00	50 00	10 00	2 00		11 10	4 70	9 20	21 00				233 00	600	1 200
Totals		4498 90	700 09	177 79	49 45	1986 81	391 96	428 20	787 91	627 10	113 20	305 90	291 20	9803 51	13 500	41 391

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.			Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Drop. from roll	Total.	Net Gain.	Net Loss
	M.	F.	Total											
Antioch	28	54	82	6	3	--	9	2	1	--	6	3	6	--
Benton's Cross Roads	38	54	92	2	4	--	6	4	--	1	--	5	1	--
Bethel	25	27	52	4	--	--	4	--	3	--	--	3	1	--
Corinth	39	53	92	7	2	1	10	5	1	1	2	9	1	--
Deep Springs	31	69	100	6	7	--	13	--	1	2	--	3	10	--
Ebeneezer	22	39	61	2	--	1	3	5	1	2	--	8	--	5
Fairfield	27	36	63	--	--	--	--	2	1	--	--	3	--	3
Faulks	66	105	171	9	8	--	17	8	--	3	--	11	6	--
Hermon	34	48	82	1	--	--	1	3	1	1	--	5	--	4
Hamilton's X Roads	56	53	109	11	5	--	16	--	--	1	--	--	15	--
Hopewell	51	87	139	2	1	--	3	2	--	1	3	--	0	0
King Street, Waxhaw	26	34	60	--	5	--	5	5	--	1	--	6	--	1
Macedonia	37	54	91	--	1	2	3	2	2	--	--	4	--	1
Marshville	88	137	225	7	10	--	77	9	--	4	13	--	4	--
Meadow Branch	139	185	324	11	22	2	35	18	--	3	--	21	14	--
Mill Creek	89	117	206	14	6	2	22	10	1	1	--	12	9	--
Monroe	100	138	238	1	13	--	14	13	1	2	16	16	--	2
Mt. Pleasant	30	60	90	--	3	1	4	3	1	3	7	--	--	3
Mt. Olive	34	58	92	13	3	--	16	2	1	9	--	12	4	--
Mt. Harmony	133	138	271	17	5	8	30	4	7	2	--	13	17	--
Mt Springs	47	59	106	1	4	--	5	5	1	--	--	6	--	1
Mt. Moriah	50	57	107	7	1	--	7	14	--	1	--	15	--	8
New Salem	24	30	54	16	4	3	23	1	--	1	--	2	21	--
New Home	17	36	53	4	7	--	11	3	--	2	--	5	6	--
New Hope														
North Monroe	32	50	82	2	11	1	--	14	15	3	18	18	--	4
Oak Grove	36	52	88	--	--	1	1	4	8	1	--	13	--	12
Olive Branch	48	100	148	19	1	4	24	--	3	1	--	4	20	--
Philadelphia	71	108	179	12	3	1	16	31	6	--	--	37	--	21
Pleasant Hill														
Roanoke	31	37	68	3	1	--	4	2	--	--	--	2	2	--
Sandy Ridge	54	82	136	3	--	--	3	7	4	3	--	14	--	10
Sardis	35	36	71	2	5	--	7	4	3	3	--	11	--	3
Shiloh	58	98	156	4	4	--	8	--	--	1	2	4	4	--
Union	47	71	118	11	8	--	19	11	1	--	12	12	7	--
Waxhaw	77	127	204	2	1	--	3	8	--	--	8	--	--	5
Totals	1726	2489	1215	195	147	27	372	200	57	50	35			

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Total Attendance.	Av. Attend'ce During Year.	No. of Times Met in Year.	Baptisms from School.	Quart'lies and L. Helps Taken	School Expenses.	Contributions
J. S. Baucom—Unionville	8	60	68	40	--	6	54	$ 50	$ --
F. A. Marsh—Marshville No. 1	5	28	33	24	43	2	50	20 00	3 25
Finley Franklin—Mineral Springs	4	60	64	45	45	7	256	6 64	1 00
H. W. Preslar—Peachland	6	40	46	30	45	1	43	--	--
G. W. Baucom—Monroe No. 6	7	29	36	20	39	2	35	2 50	--
W. M. Haney—Marshville No. 1	5	50	55	37	47	6	50	5 00	1 20
W. H. Helms—Waxhaw No. 1	4	46	50	26	39	1	50	4 00	--
J. B. Staten—Marshville	5	40	45	25	39	--	120	2 25	--
J. T. I. Price—Unionville	6	44	50	--	32	1	50	4 50	--
J. T. Black—Waxhaw	6	50	56	25	52	--	90	19 23	--
C. E. B. Parker—Monroe	7	50	60	35	39	--	50	3 25	1 56
J. C. Morgan—Marshville	11	175	185	95	52	6	275	37 23	19 28
J. W. Bivens—Wingate	30	408	438	247	52	7	434	33 55	84 74
T. L. Helms—Monroe No. 2	7	60	67	45	52	5	--	--	--
F. B. Ashcraft—Monroe	13	200	236	119	52	1	250	81 75	297 86
M. E. Walden—Monroe No. 1	6	49	55	31	40	--	40	3 00	--
F. H. Morgan—White Store	4	25	29	25	17	11	45	4 30	--
J. E. Sustare—Matthews	14	135	149	75	52	13	145	15 50	--
A. D. Moore—Monroe	6	45	51	35	38	1	50	3 15	--
P. H. Mills—Marshville No. 3	8	123	131	80	52	7	123	17 50	12 08
W. H. Long—Monroe	4	20	24	18	--	--	32	4 00	--
J. J. Williams—Peachland	4	20	24	25	4	--	30	3 00	--
Miles N. Bivens—Monroe	6	54	60	35	52	--	120	15 75	--
J. B. Underwood—Monroe No. 5	5	60	65	37	36	--	79	5 00	--
H. T. Gaddy—Olive Branch	8	57	65	30	52	1	47	11 05	6 00
J. L. Autrey—Marshville No. 3	6	55	61	35	38	5	80	5 01	4 96
A. M. Price—Monroe	6	34	40	34	30	--	33	3 92	--
J. H. Melton—Monroe No. 4	5	67	72	42	44	--	75	--	--
A. L. D. Bumgarner—Indian Trail	7	80	87	45	52	--	125	10 00	--
G. S. Myers—Monroe No. 6	9	68	77	36	42	3	45	5 04	2 64
W. A. Small—Monroe No. 1	4	25	29	25	52	8	25	2 00	10 89
J. H. Godfrey—Waxhaw	7	75	82	51	52	1	100	12 20	10 00
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MINUTES

of the

FIFTY - SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH MT. HARMONY CHURCH OCTOBER 6, 7 and 8

1910

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Officers of the Association.

Moderator—V. T. Chears.....*R. F. D. 1, Monroe, North Carolina*
Vice Moderator—Braxton Craig.....*Monroe, North Carolina*
Clerk—W. F. Estridge.....*Waxhaw, North Carolina*
Treasurer—F. B. Ashcraft.....*Monroe, North Carolina*

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Geo. M. Beasley, H. B. Marsh, J. B. Mangum, F. B. Ashcraft, B. A. Sustar

Trustees of Wingate School.

J. L. Bennett, J. W. Bivens, Thos. C. Williams, J. B. Mangum, J. F. Moore F. M. Sutton, W. P. Griffin, J. E. Sustar, I. A. Clontz, John C. Sikes, J. A. Bivens, B. F. Parker, A. C. Davis, E. C. Williams, W. M. Perry.

Those whose terms had expired were all re-elected.

Time, Place and Preacher for Next Session.

TIME—Wednesday (11 o'clock) before the second Sunday in October, 1911.
PLACE—Faulk's Church.
PREACHER—Braxton Craig. Alternate—R. H. James.

Readers for Next Session.

State Missions.....*J. H. Benton*
Home Missions.....*W. F. Estridge*
Foreign Missions.....*A. C. Davis*
Orphanage.....*R. H. James*
Education.....*D. M. Austin*
Recorder.....*F. B. Ashcraft*
Aged Ministers' Relief.....*A. M. Newsom*
Woman's Work.....*M. D. L. Preslar*
Temperance.....*A. Marsh*
Sunday Schools.....*E. C. Snider*

Societies.

CHURCHES.	Presidents.			Members.
Bethel	W. M. S.—Mrs. Birdie Tadlock	Marshville,	N. C.	8
Mt. Olive	" —Mrs. Rowena McRae	White Store,	"	15
Mountain Springs.	" —Mrs. A. M. Williams	Monroe,	"	7
Marshville	" —Mrs. E. E. Marsh	Marshville,	"	25
Mill Creek	" —Mrs. N. G. Braswell R. F. D.,	Unionville,	"	8
Hopewell	" —Mrs. C. A. McManus	Harrisburg,	"	26
Meadow Branch	" —Mrs. B. Y. Tyner	Wingate,	"	38
	" —Mrs. D. A. Covington	Monroe,	"	54
	L. M. S.—Miss Lydia Benton	Monroe,	"	17
Monroe	L. A. S.—Mrs. E. M. Griffin	Monroe,	"	22
	Sunbeams—Miss Antoinette Beasley	Monroe,	"	60
	Royal Ambassadors—Mrs. G. M. Beasley	Monroe,	"	20

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Held with the Mount Harmony Church, October 6, 7, 8, 1910.

The Fifty-Sixth Annual Session of the Union Baptist Association met with the Mt. Harmony church October 6, 1910. The introductory sermon was preached by M. D. Preslar, from I. Timothy 4:16. Following an intermission, the Vice Moderator called the association to order at 1:30 p. m. J. A. Bivens led in prayer. Letters from the churches were called for and the following messengers enrolled:

Antioch—M. S. Baucom, J. F. Hagler, C. P. Greene.
Bethel—S. D. Moore, W. J. Godfrey, Lee Ashcraft.
Benton's X Roads—R. N. Hargett, W. J. Rowell, W. C. Simpson.
Corinth—J. B. Price, J. W. Gardner, A. W. Shaw.
Deep Springs—C. A. Phifer, J. F. Edison, J. N. Carpenter.
Ebeneezer—G. E. Baucom, E. G. Helms, J. E. Rowell.
Fairfield—J. C. Griffin, W. H. Braswell.
Faulks—J. S. James, J. W. Edwards, E. F. Haney.
Hopewell—W. L. Biggers, T. L. Price, Jesse Austin.
Hamilton's X Roads—J.B. Staton, T. P. Little, E. W. Treadway.
Hermon—R. W. Flow, J. E. Little.
King Street—J. T. Black, J. R. Eason, W. S. King.
Mt. Harmony—J. E. Sustar, Robert Gibson, T. D. Thompson.
Macedonia—A. L. Funderburk, J. B. Mangum, C. E. B. Parker.
Mill Creek—J. M. Braswell, W. E. Williams, C. W. Braswell.
Marshville—B. H. Griffin, H. B. Marsh, A. M. Newsom.
Mountain Springs—S. R. Presson, Cullie Parker, H. H. Moore.
Meadow Branch—T.E. Williams, J. C. McIntyre, S.A. Williams.
Mt. Olive—J. C. Lowery, L. B. King, A. E. Rushing.
Mt. Pleasant—James Davis, G. V. Rape, H. G. Davis.
First Monroe—John H. Benton, G. M. Beasley, H. E. Copple.
North Monroe—J. S. Helms, W. T. Helms.
New Home—J. F. Little, Robert Atkinson, C. W. Tucker.
Olive Branch—S. C. Davis, E. H. Baucom, Lee Baucom.
Oak Grove—W. K. Rape, James Alexander, S. D. Spittle.
Philadelphia—V. T. Chears, R. F. Krimminger, J. L. Autry.
Roanoke—A. F. Fowler, J. Watkins, J. H. Price.
Shiloh—F. M. Sutton, J. W. McRorie, J. S. Polk.
Sardis—M. R. S. Helms, D. W. Presley, W. B. Ford.
Sandy Ridge—G.S. Richardson, H.T. Montgomery, Jeff Starnes.
Waxhaw—L. M. Riner, J. J. Godfrey, A. M. McManus.

Officers for next year were elected as follows: Moderator, V. T. Chears; Vice Moderator, Braxton Craig; Clerk, W. F. Estridge; Treasurer, F. B. Ashcraft.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Order of Business—A. C. Davis, R. H. James, J. E. Sustar.

Finance—J. H. Benton, H. B. Marsh, J. B. Mangum.

Digest of Church Letters—M. D. L. Preslar, E. C. Snider, A. L. Funderburk.

Time, Place and Preacher for Next Session—R. H. James, J. E. Sustar, Albert Rushing.

Obituaries—J. L. Bennett, A. Marsh, J. G. Gulledge.

Executive Board—G. M. Beasley, H. B. Marsh, J. B. Mangum, F. B. Ashcraft, B. A. Sustar.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons of Mount Harmony church.

The Report on Periodicals was read by G. E. Lineberry, the writer, B. Y. Tyner, not being present. After discussion by G. E. Lineberry, A. C. Davis, J. L. Bennett and M. D. L. Preslar, the report was adopted as appended. A motion was passed asking that the Report on Periodicals hereafter be confined to the Biblical Recorder and that the other periodicals be discussed under the subjects to which they are especially related.

The association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY'S SESSION.

9:00 a. m.—Devotional exercises conducted by A. Marsh. Association called to order by the Moderator. The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The Moderator welcomed to our body, J. S. Farmer, of the Biblical Recorder; C. E. Madry, representing Home Missions; G. E. Lineberry, representing our schools.

The committee on Order of Business presented the following report for Friday: 9:30, Home Missions; 10:30, Education; 12:00, intermission; 2:00 p. m., State Missions; 3:00 p. m., Foreign Missions and Woman's Work; 4:00 p. m., adjourn.

The Report on Home Missions was read as appended. Discussions followed by A. C. Davis and C. E. Madry. Pledges were taken for next year and the report adopted.

The Reports on Education and Wingate School were read as appended. The reports were discussed by G. E. Lineberry, D. M. Austin, Braxton Craig, A. C. Davis, R. H. James. The reports, including the following resolutions by D. M. Austin, were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, We believe there is urgent need for an advance movement in our educational work, therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That we express our appreciation of the work that has been and that is being done by our school at Wingate, and heartily commend the loyal service of the trustees of this school.

Resolved, 2. That we pledge to them our loyal support in erecting suitable buildings for same.

Resolved, 3. That we authorize the trustees to secure with the

school property any necessary debt incurred in making improvements on same.

Resolved, 4. That we require our trustees to keep an accurate list of names and amounts of all contributions for said improvement and if, in twenty-five years, we should sell or dispose of this property to be used for any other purpose than a Baptist school, each contributor shall receive his pro rata apportionment of same.

Resolved, 5. That we request our trustees to invite sister associations conveniently located to unite with us in this work, making such a division of trustees and other matters as they deem wise.

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RESOLUTIONS.

Report on the Orphanage was read as appended and discussed by R. H. James and Braxton Craig. Pledges were taken for next year and the report adopted.

The Report on Time, Place and Preacher for Next Session was heard. A motion to meet on Wednesday, instead of Thursday as heretofore, and adjourn on Friday instead of Saturday, was carried by rising vote. The second clause of the report was adopted by selecting Faulks as the place for next meeting; Braxton Craig to

The meeting was adjourned till 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

The association was called to order by the Moderator. D. M. Austin led in prayer.

The Reports on State Missions and the Executive Board were read as appended and discussed by Braxton Craig. At the close of the discussion, the pledges were taken for next year and a public collection amounting to $19.22. The report was adopted.

The Report on Woman's Work was read and discussed by J. H. Benton. The report was adopted as appended.

The Treasurer's Report was read and adopted as appended.

The association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY'S SESSION.

The Moderator called the body to order and J. A. Bivens led in prayer.

The following committee was appointed to nominate five trustees for Wingate School: R. H. James, M. D. L. Preslar.

The association extended a vote of thanks to Mount Harmony church and community for their most liberal hospitality to the representatives from the churches.

The Report on Foreign Missions was read by M. D. L. Preslar; discussed by M. D. L. Preslar, Braxton Craig, A. C. Davis, Robert Gibson, J. E. Sustar, V. T. Chears. Pledges were then taken for next year and the report adopted.

The Report on Aged Ministers' Relief was read by Braxton Craig and amended by asking each pastor to take a collection on the last Sunday preceeding Christmas for this object. The report was then adopted as amended.

school property any necessary debt incurred in making improvements on same.

Resolved, 4. That we require our trustees to keep an accurate list of names and amounts of all contributions for said improvement and if, in twenty-five years, we should sell or dispose of this property to be used for any other purpose than a Baptist school, each contributor shall receive his pro rata apportionment of same.

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preach the introductory sermon, R. H. James alternate. The third clause was adopted granting New Home church a letter of dismission from the association.

Prof. Highsmith, of Wake Forest College, was given an opportunity to speak for the college. He made a strong appeal for more young ministers to enter Wake Forest.

A motion carried asking the Clerk to obtain the Reports on Temperance and Sunday Schools and insert them in the minutes.

A. C. Davis, J. L. Bennett, A. Marsh were appointed delegates to the State Convention; R. H. James, M. D. L. Preslar alternate, to the Southern Baptist Convention.

A motion to insert the Report on Digest of Letters in the minutes passed.

The Report on Obituaries was read and adopted as appended.

A motion carried to pay the Clerk the usual amount and to instruct him to have the minutes printed and distributed.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this association request our representatives in the General Assembly to use their influence in the abolition of the "near beer" traffic. BRAXTON CRAIG.

The association adjourned to the time and place of next meeting.

V. T. CHEARS, Moderator.

W. F. ESTRIDGE, Clerk.

Report on Time, Place and Preacher for Next Session.

We, your Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for Next Session, beg to submit the following report:

We recommend the meeting of the association on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

We ask the association to decide between the churches as to the next meeting of the association. The following churches petition the next association: Olive Branch, Monroe, Waxhaw, Hopewell, Faulks, Bethel, Mill Creek, Mountain Spring.

New Home church petitions a letter of dismission.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. JAMES,
J. E. SUSTAR,
A. E. RUSHING.

Report on Digest of Letters.

We, your Committee on Digest of Letters, find that our churches have contributed the following amounts to the objects named:

Pastors' Salary	$ 4,826.15
Building and Repairs	3,024.68
Incidental Expenses	892 33
Sunday Schools	337.36
Poor	509.97
State Missions	486.33
Home Missions	552.20
Foreign Missions	750.96

Sunday School Missions	11.11
Colportage	3.35
Orphanage	698.22
Aged Ministers	95.43
Education	106.15
Other Objects	463 44
Minute Fund	47.65
Total	$12,765.33
Baptisms	208

COMMITTEE.

Report on Obituaries.

We find that the good Lord has called away 51 of our brethren and sisters since our last session. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved, and we exhort all to be in readiness, by being dutiful to our heavenly Father, for the summons will soon come to us all.

J. L. BENNETT,
A. MARSH,
J. G. GULLEDGE,
Committee.

Report of Executive Board.

We, your Executive Committee, after careful and prayerful consideration, recommend that $200 of our State Mission money be expended within the bounds of our own association. F. B. ASHCRAFT, for Committee.

Report of Treasurer.

Statement of amounts received and disbursed for associational year ending October 5, 1910:

Collected and paid to Foreign Missions	$ 680.49
Collected and paid to Home Missions	339 34
Collected and paid to State Missions	423.04
Collected and paid to Orphanage	470 98
Collected and paid to Aged Ministers	95.49
Collected and paid to Minute Fund	56.23
Collected and paid to Ministerial Education	42.46
Collected and paid to Sunday School Missions	20.46
Collected and paid to J. D. Bowen	39.06
Total amount collected and paid out	$2,227.55
Amount on hand for Wake Forest Endowment	22.41

Respectfully, F. B. ASHCRAFT.

Report on Foreign Missions.

He that breathes the spirit of missions breathes the spirit of Christ, and this spirit expands the minds, hearts and consciences of men as nothing else will do. Impelled and driven by this spirit, Southern Baptists are doing mission work in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico and South America. On these fields and under appointment to go, we have about 270 missionaries. There are about 260 churches; 560 out stations, with

162 houses of worship, and about 17,000 members. We have 128 day schools; 9 boarding schools for boys, 13 for girls; 2 colleges; 4 women's training schools, and 8 theological seminaries.

In all places where we are operating, conditions are more favorable than ever before, and the cry that comes for more help is enough to touch and move every heart. It is said that two-thirds of the world's population has never heard the name of Jesus. "In Him was life and the life was the light of men."

North Carolina is operating on a basis of $45,000. When we remember that we are 220,000 strong, we feel that we are yet playing at missions.

For the dissemination of missionary information, I would urge our people to read the Foreign Mission Journal.

Respectfully submitted, M. D. L. PRESLAR.

Report on Home Missions.

After his resurrection and before his ascension, our Lord announced his program on missions. It was: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth (Math. 28:18) Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15), beginning at Jerusalem (Luke 24:47); and, Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."

The scheme of missions outlined by the Savior took in the entire world. But the nature of the case, as well as his command and the apostolic example, made the world vision include the lost who were near, as well as those who were far away, and made it of first importance. Peter and John of the Apostles, who received the commission, healed the lame man at the temple gates.

The lame man of today sits at the gate of every church. The Jerusalem church was overwhelmingly successful in interpreting the gospel to its own community. Having the purpose and power to save those around it, it had the spirit that naturally and necessarily sends forth wholesome streams of saving truth to the dark places beyond.

Our Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria are in the United States. Are we doing our part to take and keep our country for Christ?

Out of 90,000,000 population in the United States, there are only about 20,000,000 members of evangelical denominations. Are we not too much neglecting our Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria?

Have our churches the unselfish christian love and consecration to take hold of the crying needs of the submerged and neglected on the one hand, and of the pleasure seekers and money-mad on the other? The world is asking whether we have a gospel that is strong enough to command the hearts and lives of sin-buffeted men, and bring the harmony of love where now abides the discord of hate and selfish greed.

Alien immigrants flock to our shores at the rate of a million a year, and perhaps two million more of our own people each year are uprooted from their own environment and brought together in new relations in new towns and on the frontier. In these people-movements is at once a great problem and an unvoiced cry that ascends up before God for a gospel that will bring order out of chaos and replace the selfish hardness and barrenness of sin with good citizenship and brotherly love.

The christian denominations of America are awakening to the magnitude of these problems and others not here mentioned. They are turning

with an encouraging unanimity to Home Missions as the means whereby such problems must be solved.

Southern Baptists must take a large part in saving the lost of America. We hold the gospel in its purity. Since we have so much to give i making good Americans, while at the same time we make christians, we are under the deeper obligation to do large things. Because we are more numerous than any other christian body in the South, our obligation is greater than any other.

God has blessed the labors of the missionaries of our Home Board to far larger fruitage than that shown by the reports of similar mission boards. The board last year reported 27,426 baptisms and 52,910 additions to churches through the labors of missionaries supported wholly or in part by it. No mission board in the world has reported results one-half as large as these. No home mission board in America, so far as we can find, had results more than one-third as large, though several expended four times as much in the work.

Our people are becoming aroused to the large importance of Home Missions, and each year the Home Board receipts are larger. This year the Southern Baptist Convention is asking for $400,000 to be raised for the work of the Home Board. Of this amount $26,000 is apportioned to our State, and $400 to our own association. We ought to raise every cent of it and more. We are well able to raise it. By the blessing of God shall we not say, "We will raise it!"

Your committee recommends: 1. That this body provide for the apportioning of the amount our association is to raise among the churches. 2. That our pastors be requested to make an earnest effort at least once during the year to preach a special sermon on Home Missions, and the magnitude and importance of the problems involved. 3. That each of our churches during the year make at least one liberal offering for this work. 4. That a club of subscribers be raised in each church for the Home Field, an unusually attractive and illuminating monthly magazine of the Home Board. 5. That churches and pastors be encouraged to make a large use of the Home Board's informing tracts and sample copies of the Home Field, both of which are free for the asking.

The address of the Home Mission Board is No. 723 Austell building, Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted, A. C. Davis.

Report on State Missions.

State Missions is fundamental. If we fail here we fail everywhere, and just as we succeed here we succeed in all the world. We cannot hope to get a people to believe a gospel that we do not give to our own people. As the years go by State Missions become more and more important. Our waterpower is being developed, railroads are being built, in almost every section of the State, and factories and towns are springing up as if by magic, and our population is rapidly increasing; where we needed one preacher a few years ago we need a number now, and where we spent a hundred dollars we need a thousand now. The farmer is coming to his own. He has his daily mail and telephone connection; tnis puts him in touch with the world. His farm is being improved, the waste places are being built up, and the country is becoming more and more inviting—

hence there is a greater demand for preachers in the country. Not only do we need more preachers, but the times demand that we pay our missionaries better salaries. We need well trained men; men taught of God as well as trained in our schools.

All of these things call for more money. Shall we do our duty, or shall we shirk, like cowards, from the task and leave the evangelization of North Carolina to others? We have the money, we have the men, we have the truth, and God is with us. Brethren, let us realize our opportunity and by God's help give the gospel to all of the people of our beloved State.

Your committee would recommend that this association raise at least $500 for State Missions next year; and in view of the fact that our board is threatened with a debt, that all of our churches take a collection for State Missions as early as practical. BRAXTON CRAIG.

Report on the Wingate School.

The present condition of the school is all that the management had hoped for it with the present equipment. The managers, Profs. Tyner and Carroll, have associated with them an excellent corps of teachers, consisting of Misses Esther Bivens, primary; Beulah Parker, intermediate; and Bessie Gwynn, music. The standard of the school is being steadily raised to meet the requirements of the higher standards of the colleges and vocations of life. And we are pleased to say that the school has practically all that it can accommodate, though the management has done scarcely any soliciting other than that done through the yearly catalogue and announcements. The enrollment is at this date 210, fifty-eight of whom are boarding students, and with the opening of the second quarter the outlook is for a much larger enrollment. Since our last report no lots have been sold, and the present indebtedness on the property is $170. In order for the school to fulfill its greatest mission, it is badly in need of an up-to-date school building, modernly equipped, and dormitories for both boys and girls. The imperative need being the speedy erection of a school building. And knowing and feeling the needs as we do, we recommend that the association make provisions at this session for the erection of a school building that will meet the needs of the school. The association can safely count on $6,000 from Wingate and community in the building of a structure to cost $12,000.

It is also the duty of this body to elect five trustees for the school, the term of office of the following having expired: Messrs. J. B. Mangum, J. F. Moore, F. M. Sutton, W. P. Griffin and J. E. Sustar.

J. L. BENNETT, Chairman Board of Trustees.

Report on Education.

Education is power. It is a power that brings things to pass, either for good or bad. It is a power which observes, judges, expresses and appreciates. Such a power should be turned into the one supreme end and purpose of service to God and man. Every educated man or woman has cost something and should be made to render a service commensurate with the outlay of time and means. A well constructed and costly instrument, such as a watch or locomotive, should be made to justify its cost in the service rendered. Some one has said: "An educated mind is the most complicated

and costly mechanism we know, and it must justify itself in work done. It is deep selfishness and sin for one to acquire an education that equips him with large powers and then to let them rust in idleness or pervert them to many ends. An educated man is just that much more of a man and should do just that much more for the welfare of his fellowmen and for the glory of God. This is the chief end of education, and all its powers should shine as stars in this crown."

We believe that the Baptists have ever stood for this culture. They were the first people to found a denominational college in this State. They lead all others in the number and efficiency of their schools to day. We have to-day fifteen schools of high grade and four colleges in the State. These are all filled to overflowing. While these things are true and there are many other hopeful things that might be said, there are many battles yet to be fought, much work yet to be done. We should not sit down at ease till every worthy boy and girl in the State has a chance to prepare for the strenuous duties which lie before us.

We therefore beg our people to send their boys to Wake Forest College. It has no superior in the whole South. The Meredith College for women, at Raleigh, is worthy of your undivided patronage. Your daughter will here receive culture and training for usefulness second to none in the South.

R. M.. HAGLER.

Report on Periodicals.

Realizing that the press is one of the greatest agencies in moulding public sentiment along all lines—political, moral, and religious—we feel it incumbent upon us to place our denominational literature in every home possible, especially among our own people. A very small per cent. of the Baptists now receive the literature published by the denomination, and thus fail to keep in touch with our work. This condition ought to be changed. And we recommend as an aid to the staffs of Charity and Children and the Biblical Recorder, that all the Sunday school superintendents in the association make a special effort to get a club of subscribers to Charity and Children in every Sunday school; and that the pastors of the respective churches endeavor to place as many individual subscriptions to the Biblical Recorder as possible in their fields. We believe that the key to the situation is the education of the people to the weekly reading of these excellent papers and the study of conditions as they actually exist.

For the information of the people along the line of missions, we recommend The Home Field and The Foreign Mission Journal. As an excellent aid to Sunday school superintendents and teachers, in addition to our regular literature, we highly commend The Sunday School Times.

B. Y. TYNER.

Report on Woman's Work.

It is a recognized fact that woman's work has an important part in the Lord's kingdom, a work in which she is peculiarly adapted, a divine mission, for the fulfillment of which she will be held responsible.

First—As a home builder, a keeper of home (Tit. 2 5). A well regulated home is the foundation of all good government. An ideal christian home is the nursery of the church; here material is prepared, character molded for the kingdom. It has been demonstrated by experience that

woman's work in the Sunday school is very efficient. For tact, ability and aptness to teach, she is equal if not superior to man; therefore her services in this department should be appreciated and encouraged.

Second—Every church should have a woman's prayer meeting. If rightly appreciated by the pastor, it will be the spiritual dinamo to give power to the preacher and church (Acts 16). In connection with every church there should be a Woman's Aid Society; in this department there is a vast field for good works and alms deeds, as illustrated by Dorcas with her needle (Acts 9:36). No church can afford to be without a well organized and equipped Woman's Missionary Society; out of this spiritual department grow the other branches, the Y. W. A., the Sunbeams, Royal Ambassadors. This department of woman's work is obeying the great command, Go teach all nations. It is the planting, growing, and fruit-bearing of the work that we wish to emphasize. There are now in the Union Association 14 societies, including Sunbeams, Royal Ambassadors, and Y. W. A. at Monroe.

A few comparisons: In 1908 these societies gave to Missions $207.39; in 1910 they gave $570.09. Mill Creek church gave last year to Missions $32.25; the W. M. S., with seven or eight members, gave this year $19.30. Mountain Springs gave last year $12.00; this year the W. M. S., with seven members, gave $8 00. Monroe gave this year to Missions $650.68; the W. M. S. gave $452 90. Some of these societies are doing fine, others need encouragement.

We would earnestly request the pastors and laymen to encourage woman's work in the churches. This department of church work is inestimatable in development of the Lord's work.

Respectfully submitted, J. H. Benton.

Report on the Orphanage.

On November 11th, 1885, the first child was received in the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage. During these twenty-five years more than 1,200 children have been received. The plant consists of 450 acres of land, ten dormitories, school building, library, sewing room, infirmary, printing office, shoe shop, steam laundry and other necessary buildings. An up-to-date industrial building is now going up. A complete system of sewerage and water works makes it possible to keep the place in a sanitary condition. The purpose of the institution is to furnish a home for indigent orphan children who are capable of education and training. Each year more equipment is being added to improve and enlarge the scope of this training, so that when they leave the institution they will be fitted to join the ranks of the men and women who are blessing our country. Along with a practical education in the different forms of industry and books, moral and spiritual training is also emphasized.

The running expense of the Orphanage is about one hundred dollars a day. It costs about eighty dollars a year to support one child, not including buildings and repairs. Last year we averaged 386 children. There is perhaps no other orphanage in the world so dependent upon Sunday schools for its support as ours. We urge that every Sunday school take a collection once a month, and also that each school take a club of Charity and Children. It is one dollar a copy, single copies; but sixty cents in clubs of ten or more to one address.

We earnestly recommend that every church take a special collection on Thanksgiving Day, and where this is not convenient, we suggest that the church take this collection on the Sunday nearest to Thanksgiving. Larger gifts are needed to meet the increased cost of living.

Some associations are taking steps to raise a fund for a church building on the Orphanage grounds to be called the "Mills Memorial Church." This is much needed. More dormitories are also needed to meet the distressing calls for help from hundreds of needy children. It is to be hoped these will be supplied by individuals. H. G. BRYANT.

Report on Aged Ministers' Relief.

OUR OLD AND WORN OUT MINISTERS.

Care of and attention to the young is an instinct. The lowest grade of savage—the brute, even—protects its young, succors it, lavishes upon it tenderest care. The care of and attention to the old, the worn out, the decrepit, enters not into the life of the brute nor into the heart of the savage man, for the brute drives by sheer strength the old and weak one away from the feeding place. The savage, while fighting to the death to protect the young he calls his own, leaves the old man to die of starvation and to take care of himself as best he can. These facts are here given to show that it requires the higher teaching, the lessons taught by Christian civilization—even the instruction of Him who said, "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head and honor the face of the old man," to prompt us to adequately care for the aged and the worn out.

The soldier who on the battlefield showed bravery when life was at stake and at the cannon's mouth defended his country's flag, receives a pension from a grateful people when old age, weakness and poverty comes upon him.

These, our aged and worn out preachers, have, under the banner of the Cross, withstood winter's cold and summer's heat. They have obeyed marching orders, have fought their battles and have shown valor when no applause of men reached their ears, when no multitude of comrades cheered them on. In the days of their strength they faithfully did their duty. The have gone often as the leaders of the vanguard of the oncoming army of righteousness and have answered the challenge of the forces of evil in many a conflict, and, like the angel which appeared to Joshua in the plain by Jericho, have unstayingly declared to the enemies of righteousness, "Nay, but as captain of the Lord's host am I come up."

Shall these true and tried old heroes in many a well fought battle for God and right, have to beg us for bread when weakness and old age makes them quit the field? Shall these veterans of the cross receive less material reward than does the soldier who gained honor at the cannon's mouth? Many of these old preachers are made of such heroic stuff that they will suffer before they will beg for bread. It is our duty to see to it that every old preacher within our church is provided for in his old age. The Union Baptist Association will do its part in caring for these worthy ones.

B. C. ASHCRAFT.

PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Aged Ministers' Relief.	Orphanage.
Antioch (paid)	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$ 2 00	$2 00	$ 2 00
Benton's Cross Roads	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	6 00
Bethel	10 00	9 00	8 00	2 00	9 00
Corinth	6 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	8 00
Deep Springs	4 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	5 00
Ebeneezer	3 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	5 00
Fairfield (paid)	3 00	3 20	2 50	------	5 00
Faulks	15 00	10 00	6 00	3 00	20 00
Hermon	7 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	5 00
Hamilton's Cross Roads (paid)	3 00	5 00	4 00	1 25	------
Hopewell	10 00	10 00	10 00	3 00	6 00
King Street, Waxhaw	20 00	15 00	10 00	5 00	30 00
Macedonia	6 00	8 00	------	2 00	8 00
Marshville	60 00	75 00	60 00	10 00	75 00
Meadow Branch	50 00	50 00	75 00	10 00	50 00
Mill Creek	10 00	15 00	12 00	3 00	10 00
Monroe	125 00	225 00	125 00	25 00	175 00
Mt. Pleasant	4 00	4 00	4 50	2 00	5 00
Mt. Olive	7 50	10 00	3 00	1 00	5 00
Mt. Harmony	40 00	115 00	30 00	5 00	50 00
Mountain Springs	4 00	5 00	2 00	2 50	7 00
Mt. Moriah	5 00	2 00	------	*1 00	8 00
New Salem	2 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	4 00
New Hope	1 00	------	------	------	*1 00
North Monroe (paid)	8 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	5 00
Oak Grove	7 00	7 00	4 00	2 00	11 00
Olive Branch	8 00	8 00	7 00	3 00	10 00
Philadelphia	15 00	13 00	8 00	4 00	10 00
Pleasant Hill	4 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	5 00
Roanoke (paid)	3 18	------	------	------	------
Sandy Ridge	3 50	3 00	3 00	1 50	6 00
Sardis	2 00	5 00	4 00	2 00	5 00
Shiloh	5 00	10 00	8 00	2 00	10 00
Union	18 00	18 00	18 00	4 70	23 00
Waxhaw	10 00	10 00	2 00	3 00	20 00

Ministerial Education—Marshville, $15.00.

* Paid.

CHURCH OFFICERS.

CHURCHES.	Pastors and their Post Offices.	Clerks and their Post Offices.	Sunday School Superintendents and their Post Offices.
Antioch	E. C. Snider, Wingate, N.C.	P. S. Hinson, Unionville	J. S. Raucom, Unionville No. 1
Benton's Cross Roads	A. Marsh, Marshville, "	H. C. Simpson, Monroe	J. K. Trull, Monroe No. 2
Bethel	M. D. L. Preslar, Monroe, "	W. T. Morgan, Marshville	F. A. Marsh, Marshville
Corinth	H. G. Bryant, Wingate, "	J. W. Gardner, Monroe No. 9	F. Franklin, Mineral Spring
Deep Springs	E. C. Snider, Wingate, "	L. B. Phifer, Peachland	
Ebeneezer	H. G. Bryant, Wingate, "	G. W. Baucom, Monroe No. 6	J. E. Rowell, Indian Trail No. 1
Fairfield	J. G. Gulledge, No. 1, Monroe, "	J. C. Griffin, Marshville No. 2	W. H. Braswell, Monroe No. 3
Faulks	A. C. Davis, Olive Branch, "	E. F. Haney, Wingate No 2	W. M. Haney, Marshville No. 1
Hermon	W. F. Estridge, Waxhaw, "	J. E. Bigham, Waxhaw	W. H. Helms, Waxhaw No. 1
Hamilton's X Roads	R. H. James, Monroe, "	M. L. Sinclair, Marshville	J. B. Staton, Marshville
Hopewell	M. D. L. Preslar, No. 1, Monroe, "	W. L. Biggers, Unionville	I. A. Connell, Unionville
King Street, Waxhaw	W. F. Estridge, Waxhaw, "	J. R. Eason, Waxhaw	J. T. Black, Waxhaw
Macedonia	M. D. L. Preslar, No. 1, Monroe, "	A. L. Funderburk, Monroe No. 1	C. E. B. Parker, Monroe
Marshville	A. Marsh and D. M. Austin, Marshville, "	B. H. Griffin, Marshville	J. C. Morgan, Marshville
Meadow Branch	D. M. Austin, Charlotte, "	W. V. Williams, Wingate	J. W. Bivens, Wingate
Mill Creek	M. D. L. Preslar, No. 1, Monroe, "	T. A. J. Price, Unionville No. 2	T. F. James, Unionville No. 2
Monroe	Braxton Craig, Monroe, "	H. E. Copple, Monroe	F. B. Ashcraft, Monroe
Mt. Pleasant	H. G. Bryant, Wingate, "	M. E. Walden, Monroe No. 1	B. L. Goodwin, Monroe No. 1
Mt. Olive	J. P. Harris, Wake Forest, "	B. A. Rushing, Marshville	L. B. King, White Store
Mt. Harmony	J. E. M. Davenport, Matthews, "	B. H. Sustar, Matthews	J. E. Sustar, Matthews
Mountain Springs	R. H. James, Monroe, "	A. D. Moore, Monroe	Cullie Parker, Monroe
Mt. Moriah	J. P. Harris, Wake Forest, N.C.	P. H. Mills, Marshville No. 3	P. H. Mills, Marshville No. 3
New Salem			
New Hope			
North Monroe		James S. Helms, Monroe	J. E. G. Hancock, Monroe
Oak Grove	J. A. Bivens, No. 3, Monroe, N C.	C. B. Gordon, Monroe No. 5	W. K. Rape, Monroe No. 5
Olive Branch	G. O. Wilhoit, Ansonville, "	J. F. Gaddy, Marshville	S. C. Davis, Marshville No. 2
Philadelphia	R. H. James, Monroe, N.C.	N. S. Rogers, Monroe No. 1	J. L. Autry, Marshville No. 3
Pleasant Hill			
Roanoke	R. M. Hagler, No. 11, Charlotte, N.C.	J. H. Price, Monroe	A. M. Price, Monroe
Sandy Ridge	M. D. L. Preslar, No. 1, Monroe, "	D C. Montgomery, Monroe No. 9	J. H. Melton, Monroe No. 4
Sardis	R. M. Hagler, No. 11, Charlotte, "	S. E. Yandle, Monroe	W. R. S. Helms, Monroe
Shiloh	A. Marsh, Marshville, "	A. B. Helms, Monroe No. 6	G. C. Garrison, Stout
Union	A. C. Davis, Olive Branch, "	H. F. Parker, Monroe No. 1	B. F. Parker, Monroe
Waxhaw	R. H. James, Monroe, N.C.	W. M. Crow, Waxhaw	J. J. Godfrey, Waxhaw

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.			Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored	Total	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Drop. from roll	Total.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Total Attendance.	Av'ge Attendance for Year.	No. Months Open in Year.	Baptisms from School	Quarterlies & Helps Taken.	School Expenses.
	M	F.	Total.																			
Antioch	38	55	93	8	2	1	11	---	1	--	--	1	10	--	8	68	76	45	12	8	75	$ 6 00
Benton's Cross Roads	41	55	96	3	5	--	8	2	--	1	--	3	5	--	6	61	67	25	8	----	160	7 50
Bethel	34	32	66	9	3	--	12	3	--	--	--	3	10	--	5	25	30	18	12	2	250	18 47
Corinth	49	65	114	16	10	1	27	7	--	--	--	7	18	--	5	65	70	60	12	----	200	7 55
Deep Springs	32	----	32	8	4	1	13	3	2	4	--	9	4	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ebeneezer	20	33	53	--	----	1	1	7	3	--	--	10	--	9	5	----	----	----	6	----	35	2 00
Fairfield	23	35	58	--	1	--	1	3	1	1	--	5	--	4	4	40	44	41	8	----	45	3 30
Faulks	64	103	167	--	----	3	3	2	2	1	--	5	--	2	11	90	101	70	11	----	120	16 60
Hermon	38	44	82	1	----	1	2	8	--	2	--	10	--	8	3	40	43	25	12	----	50	5 60
Hamilton's X Roads	41	49	90	1	3	--	4	22	1	1	--	24	--	20	3	25	28	20	9	1	160	8 00
Hopewell	59	85	137	10	4	1	15	9	5	1	--	15	--	--	6	50	56	----	8	5	56	5 00
King Street, Waxhaw	29	35	64	--	2	--	2	4	1	--	--	5	--	3	6	75	81	50	12	----	85	14 04
Macedonia	33	48	81	--	2	--	2	6	2	1	--	9	--	7	6	67	73	45	8	2	58	3 76
Marshville	59	147	242	10	9	--	19	11	1	3	--	15	4	--	11	165	176	90	12	9	377	50 40
Meadow Branch	132	183	315	18	8	1	27	25	--	11	--	36	--	9	26	368	214	232	12	16	428	24 81
Mill Creek	77	111	188	4	1	--	5	8	1	2	--	11	--	6	8	64	72	50	12	2	300	8 00
Monroe	124	198	322	31	60	--	91	6	--	1	--	7	84	--	14	225	269	158	12	29	425	107 79
Mt. Pleasant	26	57	83	1	3	1	5	10	--	3	--	13	--	8	6	44	50	34	4	----	55	2 00
Mt. Olive	42	60	102	20	6	--	26	4	--	4	--	8	18	--	5	50	50	30	9	15	48	5 00
Mt. Harmony	125	144	269	3	8	--	11	9	3	--	--	15	--	4	12	125	137	85	12	2	100	17 40
Mountain Springs	56	68	149	18	10	--	28	2	--	1	--	3	25	--	6	38	44	28	----	6	70	6 00
Mt. Moriah	58	59	117	5	3	--	8	3	1	1	--	5	3	--	6	116	122	60	12	5	52	16 00
New Salem	----	----	------	--	----	--	--	---	--	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	------
New Hope	---	---	------	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	------
North Monroe	21	35	56	2	3	--	5	17	1	1	11	30	--	25	6	75	81	25	12	2	90	12 00
Oak Grove	44	57	101	14	1	1	16	---	---	---	---	---	---	16	5	60	65	40	9	9	35	------
Olive Branch	48	99	147	8	2	1	11	4	3	1	--	8	3	--	5	55	55	35	10	4	50	11 55
Philadelphia	72	95	167	6	----	1	7	14	2	1	--	17	--	10	5	30	35	25	9	3	72	5 00
Pleasant Hill	44	81	125	4	----	4	8	8	2	1	--	11	--	3	16	44	60	26	6	----	40	1 83
Roanoke	28	40	68	3	4	2	9	8	--	--	--	8	1	--	5	29	34	16	12	----	40	3 80
Sandy Ridge	41	70	111	2	----	--	2	11	11	1	--	23	--	21	8	67	75	39	10	----	154	------
Sardis	31	39	70	--	----	--	--	4	--	--	--	4	--	4	5	45	50	45	12	----	100	------
Shiloh	59	99	158	3	5	--	8	4	--	--	--	4	4	--	9	54	63	35	9	2	50	1 31
Union	46	73	119	4	3	--	7	4	2	--	--	6	1	--	5	75	80	40	9	----	80	6 80
Waxhaw	63	82	135	6	4	--	10	3	2	4	--	9	1	--	9	56	63	43	12	6	102	14 69

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FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor.	Minute Fund	Buildings and Repairs.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers.	Education.	Other Objects.	Total of all Expenses and Contributions	Seating Capacity of Church.	Value Church Property.
Antioch	$ 75 00	$ 8 36	$ 1 45	$----	$-------	$ 2 00	$ 2 00	$ 3 00	$ 2 00	$2 00	$----	$-------	$ 101 81	250	$ 350
Benton's Cross Roads	75 00	3 50	------	1 00	--------	4 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 90	--------	106 90	300	600
Bethel	100 00	--------	------	1 50	--------	10 00	7 30	9 00	9 00	2 00	-----	65 00	----------	300	700
Corinth	70 00	16 21	------	1 00	--------	6 00	6 00	7 00	12 00	5 00	-----	--------	280 76	300	600
Deep Springs	65 00	--------	2 25	-----	150 00	5 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	-----	2 00	11 50	107 75	450	700
Ebeneezer	50 00	--------	------	90	7 50	3 00	3 00	4 00	5 00	2 00	-----	6 90	75 90	300	500
Fairfield	60 00	10 35	------	1 40	--------	3 00	2 50	3 20	5 00	-----	-----	--------	83 05	350	475
Faulks	125 00	4 35	------	2 00	--------	12 00	6 00	10 00	15 00	4 80	11 70	--------	221 45	450	600
Hermon	100 00	7 00	8 00	1 00	12 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	-----	--------	166 60	300	300
Hamilton's X Roads	70 00	6 00	------	1 20	21 00	2 50	4 00	4 24	10 70	-----	-----	14 00	119 44	400	700
Hopewell	125 00	1 85	5 00	2 25	--------	10 48	6 60	10 00	11 05	3 10	-----	20 50	192 31	400	800
King Street, Waxhaw	250 00	12 00	------	1 10	--------	15 00	10 00	17 25	30 00	5 00	-----	--------	358 29	400	1 500
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Roanoke	60 00	--------	1 22	1 00	--------	1 61	71	2 40	1 87	1 00	-----	--------	72 61	300	465
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MINUTES

——of the——

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

——of the——

Union Baptist Association

HELD WITH FAULKS BAPTIST CHURCH

October 4th, 5th and 6th, 1911.

Next Session to be Held With
MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH,
October 9th, 10th and 11th, 1912.

PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

D. M. Austin . . . . . Charlotte, N. C.
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J. A. Bivens . . . . . Wingate, N. C.
J. L. Bennett . . . . . Wingate, N. C.
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E. O. Thompson . . . . . Pageland, S. C.
E. C. Snider . . . . . Wingate, N. C.
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Treasurer—F. B. Ashcraft . . . . . Monroe, N. C.

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G. M. Beasley, H. B. Marsh, J. B. Mangum, F. B. Ashcraft and B. A. Sustar.

Trustees of Wingate School.

J. L. Bennett, J. W. Bivens, E. C. Williams, J. B. Mangum, J. F. Moore, F. M. Sutton, W. P. Griffin, J. E. Sustar, I. A. Clontz, John C. Sikes, J. A. Bivens, B. F. Parker, A. C. Davis, T. E. Williams and W. M. Perry.

Time, Place and Preacher for Next Session.

Time, Wednesday (11 o'clock) before the Second Sunday in October, 1912.

Place, Macedonia Church.

Preacher, E. C. Snider; Alternate, A. C. Davis.

Writers for Next Session.

State Missions . . . . . A. C. Davis.
Home Missions . . . . . D. M. Austin.
Foreign Missions . . . . . R. H. James.
Orphanage . . . . . J. A. Bivens.
Education (General) . . . . . J. L. Bennett.
Wingate School . . . . . John C. Sikes.
Recorder . . . . . H. G. Bryant.
Aged Ministers . . . . . H. B. Marsh.
Womans' Work . . . . . F. B. Ashcraft.
Temperance . . . . . M. D. L. Preslar.
Sunday Schools . . . . . J. E. Sustar.

Minutes of The Union Baptist Association.

The Union Baptist Association met in its fifty-seventh anunal session in the meeting-house of the Faulks Baptist church, at 11 a. m., on Wednesday, October 4, 1911.

According to appointment, the introductory sermon was preached by Braxton Craig of Monroe. Text: Ezekiel 37: 3, "Son of man can these bones live? . . . . O Lord God, thou knowest."

After an intermission of one hour, Moderator V. T. Chears called the association to order. The roll was called and the following messengers answered to their names:

Antioch—J. S. Baucom, M. S. Baucom, C. P. Green.

Benton's X Roads—J. S. Benton, B. F. Price, J. K. Trull.

Bethel—W. T. Morgan, J. C. Meigs, J. Watkins.

Corinth—W. J. Deese, J. W. Griffin, Fenly Franklin.

Deep Springs—Z. A. Caudle, W. C. Austin.

Ebenezer—J. E. Rowell.

Fairfield—J. H. Griffin, D. H. Bennett.

Faulk—J. D. Webb, J. Walter Haney, W. P. Pierce.

Hamilton's X Roads—E. S. Austin, J. S. Tarlton.

Hermon—W. H. Helms.

Hopewell—J. G. Connell, J. B. Beckham.

King Street—C. Broom, W. S. King, J. T. Black.

Macedonia, W. E. Funderburk, N. A. Funderburk, Vann Cuthbertson.

Marshville—B. H. Griffin, W. G. McBride, J. M. Burns.

Meadow Branch—T. B. Liles, N. W. Bivens, J. B. Outen.

Mill Creek—T. A. J. Price, W. L. Tomberlin, R. E. Clontz.

Monroe—J. H. Benton, T. C. Lee, H. E. Copple.

Mt. Harmony—J. F. Moser, H. R. Sustar, J. E. Sustar.

Mt. Moriah—E. Mills.

Mt. Olive—E. E. McRae, C. H. Rivers.

Mt. Pleasant—B. S. Godwin.

Mountain Springs—Lex Helms, A. D. Moore, C. C. Parker.

New Hope—Not represented.

New Salem—W. H. Long, F. P. Presley.

North Monroe—R. H. James, J. S. Helms, J. F. Connell.

Oak Grove—H. W. Mullis, Jeff Underwood.

Olive Branch—J. F. Graddy.

Philadelphia—V. T. Chears, M. L. Baker, N. A. Rogers, J. C. Baker.

Pleasant Hill—Represented by letter.

Roanoke—A. F. Fowler, J. H. Price.

Sandy Ridge—E. S. Richardson, J. H. Melton.

Sardis—A. B. Yandle, Clarence Helms.

Shiloh—B. H. Benton.

Union—R. L. Snipes, E. R. Snider, V. C. Baucom.

Union Grove—W. F. Griffin, R. E. Fort, R. A. Hamilton.

Waxhaw—Not represented.

West Monroe—R. H. James.

V. T. Chears was elected Moderator, J. L. Bennett Vice-Moderator, Braxton Craig Clerk and F. B. Ashcraft Treasurer.

A. C. Davis moved that we

create the office of Historian and that J. W. Bivens be elected to that office. Adopted.

Committee on order of business, consisting of M. D. L. Preslar, E. F. Haney and C. H. Rivers, made the following report:

Wednesday—1:30 to 2:30, p. m., Biblical Recorder; 2:30 to adjournment, Foreign Missions.

Thursday—9:30 to 10, a. m., devotional exercises; 10 to 10:45, a. m., Temperance; 10:45 to 11:45 a. m., Sunday Schools; 11:45, a. m., miscellaneous.

No report having been prebared on Temperance,Sunday Schools was given that hour and 10:45 to 11:45, a. m., was given to the Orphanage.

1, p. m., to 3:15, p. m., Wingate School; 3:15, Aged Ministers.

Friday — 10, a. m., Woman's Work; 10:30 to 11:30, Education; 1, p. m., Report of Executive Committee and Missionary R. H. James; 2, p. m., State Missions; 3, p. m., Home Missions; 3:30, p. m., Miscellaneous, adjournment.

H. E. Copple read the following report on Biblical Recorder for F. B. Ashcraft:

Report on the Biblical Recorder.

A medium of communication is necessary for the successful development and upbuilding of any enterprise, wether temporal or spiritual. Consequently, in the early history of our State Convention some one saw the necessity of a denominational paper and the Bibical Recorder was launched. For more than three quarters of a century the paper has been circulated among our people. We cannot estimate the tremendous influence it has been in strengthening, encouraging and unifying our forces in the State. It now has a subscription list of near ly twenty (20,000) thousand and perhaps nearly 100,000 readers, and yet not one half of our people read it. This is not as we would like to have it. Through it appeals are made in behalf of our denominational work, intelligent information is given in regard to our schools and colleges and in fact we could not well get along without it.

We have had and now have wise business men as managers of the paper also capable and wise editors but in my opinion none superior to Hight C. Moore, the present editor. He has ability, literary training, and, above all, a consecrated christian life. We should be proud of the Recorder, and loyally support it for it stands in the front of religious journals in the South both from a literary and religious standpoint.

Respectfully,
F. B. Ashcraft.

The report was spoken to by H. E. Copple, A. L. Betts, J. L. Bennett, A. C. Davis and R. H. James. Report adopted.

Union Grove and West Monroe Baptist churches asked admittance into this body. A committee consisting of A. C. Davis, M. D. L. Preslar and J. G. Gulledge was appointed to examine the credentials of these churches. The committee recommended reception. Adopted.

A. C. Davis read the following report on

Foreign Missions.

He who said that God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believed on Him should have everlasting life, commonded those

who believed on Him to make known His love to all mankind, or preach the gospel to every creature, and for this purpose He instituted His church in the world. If the dissemination of His truth is not the mission of His church, there could be no good reason for its existence in the world. But from the teaching of his truth or revealed word we learn that His people are to be the light of the world, and as we communicate or make known His gospel to the nations of the earth we make manifest His life and spirit in us to the world.. He said that as the Father had sent Him into the world even so sent He His children into the world to make known His love to the world, and if I be lifted up from the earth I will draw all men to me. In Matthew 13the chapter He says the field is the world and the good seed are the children of the kingdom, and as his people have made known his truth to men He has blessed it to the salvation to all who have believed it. His redeemed children are to be coworkers with him in making His love known to the ends of the earth. He told His disciples to lift up their eyes and look on the field for it is already white unto harvest, and he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal.

The Foreign Mission Board is appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention for the stupendous task of having the gospel preached to all the world. Opportunities are greater now than they have ever been. Will we realize them or let them pass unimproved. China with 440,000,000 of people is passing through a marvelous transformation. Now is the time to give these millions the gospel. Japan is leading the Orient. Shall we lead Japan to Christ? Mohamedanism threatens to submerge Africa. Shall we turn back the tide by the power of the gospel. South America, Mexico and Italy are sick and tired of Romanism. They are ready to receive the message which we have to give. Vast open doors which we have not been able to enter are before us. We have sent out 273 missionaries and they have gathered around them 531 native helpers and training hundreds of others. They reported 3,618 baptisms last year and will soon report tens of thousands of converts each year if the present rapid growth continues. There are seven training schools with 140 students and nine theological training schools with 212 students. There are 15 medical missionaries, treating many thousands of patients and opening the way to the hearts and the homes of millions of people. We have seven hospitals and twelve dispensaries in which the missionaries assisted by five missionary nurses and many native helpers treated 40,716 patients this year. The printing plants are sending out the bible and millions of pages of religious literature in the languages of the people. The work has grown so rapidly that it cost last year far more than our people were willing to give. If we meet the actual necessities of the missionaries now, we must greatly enlarge our offerings. The total receipts for last year were $510,008.97, a small gain over the year before. An accumulated debt of $89,600 now

rests upon the work. This should be paid off this year. To do so and maintain the work as it now is will require at least $600,00. Will the churches give it? It is a condition that calls for greatly enlarged giving, but it is absolutely imperative, unless our people are willing to let this great cause suffer. Let us raise this amount and even more that we may make an advance in the work. We recommend that all of our people help by sympathy and prayer, by subscribing for and reading the Foreign Mission Journal, by distributing tracts which can be had for the asking, by self-denying sacrifice by all, and by liberal gifts from the wealthy.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. Davis.

After remarks by A. C. Davis, H. E. Copple, A. C. Baker, B. Craig and A. L. Betts, the report was adopted.

The following committees were appointed: Finance, J. H. Benton, J. S. Helms, J. E. Sustar; Digest of Letters, B. Craig, H. E. Copple, E. C. Snider; Time, Place and Preacher for Next Session, T. B. Liles, T. A. J. Price, W. E. Funderburk; Obituaries, J. L. Bennett, J. A. Bivens, R. H. James.

After the assignment of homes to the messengers, the Association adjourned until 9:30 Thursday.

Second Day.

Morning Session, October 5..

After devotional services conducted by T. P. Little, the Association was called to order, and the minutes of Wednesday read and approved.

E. L. Middleton, Sunday School Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, was welcomed to a seat with us.

A. Marsh being absent, there was no report on Temperance.

The Sunday School report was called for, and E. L. Middleton read the following report:

Sunday School Report.

The Sunday School work was never more hopeful. As Baptists we are becoming more interested every year. In our reports we find hopeful gains. Five years ago we had 1290 schools with 104,000 pupils. Last year we had 1809 schools with 166,000 pupils. This year we ought to show about 1900 schools with 175,000 to 180,000 pupils.

In this Association there are 4,052 church members and 2,464 in the Sunday Schools. In the State there are 75 Sunday School pupils for every 100 church members. In the Union Association this ratio is only 61 to 100. We are badly below the average for the whole State.

Let us make next year our year. As a basis for our work, we recommend the following as a policy for next year:

1. A systematic campaign for new pupils, especially among our own church members.

2. An effort to put an evergreen school in every church and at such other points as need a Sunday School.

3. An endeavor to get our officers, teachers and young people to begin work in the Sunday School Board's Normal Course.

4. Hearty co-operation with our State Sunday School Committee and Secretary, and in doing this we pledge for Sunday School Missions as for other objects.

5. That a committee be appointed to plan for a Convention or Institute and in every other way possible advance the cause of Sunday schools in our midst.

6. That we try to make our schools more spiritual, looking to the salvation of every one enrolled therein.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. Snyder.

E. S. Middleton spoke to the report. Roll of churches was called and pledges taken (see table of pledges). Report adopted.

R. H. James read the following report on

Orphanage.

The Thomasville Baptist Orphanage is more than twenty-six years old, and more than twelve hundred children have been gathered within its sheltering arms. We have had as many as four hundred at one time, but we were overcrowded. Three hundred and eighty to three hundred and eighty-five is our usual number.

Our effort is to make it an all-round training school and home combined. The far-seeing men who laid its plans purposed that it should be open to dependent orphan children who were capable of education and training. At the end of a quarter of a century we are beginning to see a plant worthy of such an undertaking. We have four hundred and fifty acres of land, one hundred and seventy-five of it in cultivation. There are ten dormitories, central dining hall, central sewing room and central school building where nine grades are taught. Our sanitary arrangements and means for caring for the sick are well up to modern requirement. Within the past year we have gone into the new technical building which turns over the Mills Memorial Building, formerly the shop, to Charity and Children. This building was renovated and all given over to the printing office. Valuable equipment has been added, leading to it soon becoming an up-to-date job office. The shoe-shop was moved to the new building and new machinery added to it also. We hope within a few years to have the entire building equipped for mechanical manual training. Great improvement has been made in the sewing, especially in the training of the girls, since it has been brought under central management. No girl is expected to leave the institution who is not able to make her own clothes, and others' also. Learning to cook is a part of the course. The boys are in the shoe-shop, printing office, in the dairy, on the truck farm and all over the farm in general. All these go into our school system. A constant effort is made to surround the life of the place with an atmosphere of culture and refinement, no small part of which is the religious life.

R. H. James.

B. Craig and E. L. Middleton addressed the association, after which the roll was called and pledges taken (see table of pledges) and the report was adopted. A cash collection of $23.29 was taken for the orphanage.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON,

Oct. 5th, 1911.

J. W. Bivens read the report on Wingate School and the Amended Charter to the school as follows:

The Wingate School.

The prosperous condition of the school is very gratifying to its many friends. An excellent corps of college trained teachers has been employed for the present session. The faculty consists of Profs. Carroll and Buck, and Misses Georgie Carroll, Sadie Harwood and Bessie Gwynn. The school is not excelled for quick and thorough preparation for college. The literary societies greatly strengthen the school. At this date the enrollment is 235, seventy-two of whom are boarding students. The music class consists of thirty-two pupils. The growth of the school demanded a modern brick building and better equipment, and in accordance with our previous instructions we have gone forward and have a well arranged and commodious building nearing completion. Its costs when completed is estimated to be $12,000. The amount collected including cash, notes and outstanding subscriptions is $6,759.00, leaving a balance of $5,241.00 yet to be secured. The amount invested in equipment, including one piano, desks and blackboards is $584.00. We have been at no expense during the year for running expenses. An amendment to the original charter of the school was secured through the last legislature, by which other associations are permitted to unite with this association in the ownership and management of the school. The following associations have joined us in the work: Anson, Pee Dee, and Mecklenburg and Cabarrus. Each association has appointed three trustees to assist in the management of the school.

It is the duty of the Baptists of this section of the State to remove this debt. Do this, and provide suitable dormitories; then the school will do its proper work, and be an honor to the Baptist cause.

Amendment to the Charter of the Wingate School.

Whereas, the Wingate School was incorporated in 1897, as will appear upon reference to chapter thirty-one, Private Laws of 1897, for the purpose of conducting a high school under the auspices of the Union County White Baptist Association; and, whereas, said association desires that all neighboring associations of like faith and order unite with them in the conduct and management of said school under the same provisions, rights, and privileges as have heretofore been conferred upon the Union White Baptist Association, together with the right of said association to a representation on the board of trustees; now, therfore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina do Enact:

Section 1. That the Union County White Baptist Association be and is hereby authorized and fully empowered to allow neighboring white Baptist associations of like faith and order, to unite with and co-operate with them in the conduct and management of a high school at Wingate, North Carolina, under the same provisions, rights and privileges as are now granted to the Union White Baptist Association.

Section 2. That each association that unites with the Union Association for the purpose aforesaid shall be entitled to three mem-

bers of the board of trustes to be elected and hold office for such a term as said association may designate at the time of the election of said trustees, not exceeding six years.

Section 3. That the Union Baptist Association at its annual session in October of each year may decrease its number of trustes as it may se fit: Provided, said association shall always have not less than six members of said board of trustes.

Section 4. That all the rights, privileges, immunities and powers heretofore conferred on the Union White Baptist Association in chapter thirty-one, Private Laws of 1897, are hereby jointly conferred upon the Union, Anson, and Pee Dee Associations, and such other associations as may hereafter unite with them for the purpose aforesaid.

Section 5. That A. D. Griffin, S. J. Turner, and R. L. Hardison are hereby declared members of the board of trustees of the Wingate School from the Anson Association to hold office for such a term of years as designated by said association, not to exceed six years.

Section 6. That D.A . Liles, H. C. Dockery, and Archibald McNeill are hereby declared members of the board of trustees from the Pee Dee Association to hold office for such a term of years as designated by said association, not to exceed six years.

Section 7. That I. A. Clontz, W. M. Perry, J. L. Bennett, A. C. Davis, T. E. Williams, John C. Sikes, E. C. Willams, B. F. Parker, J. A. Bivens, J. W. Bivens, J. B. Mangum, J. F. Moore, F. M. Sutton, W. P. Griffin, and J. E. Sustar are hereby declared members of the board of trustees of the Wingate School from the Union Association, to hold office for such a term of years as designated by said association at the time of their respective elections, not exceeding six years.

Section 8. That private laws of 1897, chapter thirty-one, be amended wherein it conflicts with this chapter, otherwise it is in full force and effect.

Section 9. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 25th day of February, 1911.

J. L. Bennett, D. M. Austin, A. C. Davis, J. G. Carroll, E. L. Middleton, J. W. Bivens, F. B. Ashcraft, A. L. Betts and R. H. James spoke to the report. The report and the amended charter were adopted.

Report on Aged Ministers was called for. No report being prepared, J. W. Bivens was requested to write a report and hand to the clerk.

The roll of churches was called and pledges taken for this object (see table appended).

The committee on time, place and preacher for next session reported as follows: Time,Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1912, being October 9, 10 and 11, 1912; place, Macedonia; E. C. Snider to preach the introductory sermon, with A. C. Baker alternate. The report was adopted.

Committee on digest of church letters made the following report: We find that 26 churches reported a gain of $2,957.00; 9 churches reported a loss of $1,828.19, making a net gain of $1,128.81, or a grand total of $13,445.41.

23 churches reported a gain of

516 members, and 12 churches reported a loss of 82 members, making a net gain of 434 and a grand total of 4,601.

Two churches, New Hope and Waxhaw, failed to report.

Two new churches, Union Grove and West Monroe, were received into the Association, making 37 churches.

J. L. Bennett made the following report on Obituaries:

We find, if no mistake, the Lord has taken to rest 34 of our worthy brethren and sisters. We are loth to give them up, but cheerfully submit to the unerring providence of God.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. Bennett,
J. W. Bivens,
R. H. James.

Adopted.

M. D. L. Preslar moved that a committee be appointed to prepare an order of business for the next session, and that said committee publish said order of business at least two weeks before the meeting of the Association. Carried. The moderator appointed M. D. L. Preslar, J. L. Bennett and B. Craig on the above committee.

Treasurer's Report.

F. B. Ashcraft, the Associational Treasurer, reported the following amounts received and disbursed for associational year ending Oct. 3, 1911: For State Missions, $439.01; Foreign Missions, $557.91; Home Missions, $384.72; Sunday Schools, $12.72; Ministerial Education, $20.11; Aged Ministers, $68.21; Orphanage, $521.96; Minutes, $52.51; Amount on hand last Association for Wake Forest Endowment, $22.41; Total, $2,079.57.

Motion made and carried that we request all of our churches to send up all of their money for missions through our associational treasurer.

Moved and carried that the present Executive Committee be re-elected.

Adjourned until Friday.

THIRD DAY.
Friday, October 6th, 1911.

After devotional exercises conducted by J. L. Bennett, the moderator called the Association to order. Minutes. of Thursday were read and approved.

Livingstone Johnson, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools of the Baptist State Convention, E. W. Sikes of Wake Forest and E. O. Thompson of Pageland were invited to seats.

A. C. Davis offered the following resolution which was adopted: Resolved that the Union Baptist Association, in session October 6, 1911, request the Oak Grove Baptist church, a member of this body, to withdraw or call in the credentials of Thos. Irby until he shall prove himself worthy of holding the high office of a preacher of the gospel.

A. C. Davis.

H. G. Bryant read the following report on Woman's Work for M. D. L. Preslar:

Woman's Work.

That the women have ever been important factors in bringing to pass the kingdom of God on earth is a fact that no serious thinking mind will deny. According to Luke 9: 1-3 they were ardent supporters of Christ and faithfully ministered to him while he was here in person.

They were first at the empty tomb on the morning of the resurrection, and have been first in sacrifice and service for him since.

Actuated by the spirit of Christ and with a longing desire to do more for him, the women of our Southern Baptist Zion have organized the Womans' Missions Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Womans' Missionary Union, through its various departments and by the use of good tracts and periodicals foster and encourage the spirit of missions. It seeks to lay the "Divine plan of missions" upon each heart and then brings the whitening harvest field before each mind, so that to the appeal of Christ is added the Macedonian cry, Come over and help us.

The money aim of the Womans' Missionary Union of North Carolina for the year ending February, 1912, is $35,000, and for this Association it is $700. When we remember that the Womans' Missionary union in this Association last year reported only 300 members, we see at once that this is a magnificent undertaking.

We suggest that each pastor who has not already done so consider the advisability of having a womans' missionary society organized in each of his churches.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. L. Preslar.

H. G. Bryant spoke to the report, after which the report was adopted.

There was no report on Education, but E. W. Sikes was given an hour and addressed the Association on this subject.

R. H. James offered the following motion: That we give more attention to our fifth Sunday meetings, and that we meet Saturday before each fifth Sunday, and that we shall make the meetings more spiritual, our object being the salvation of souls, and that we request all pastors to attend, and all churches send delgates. Amended that the first fifth Sunday after February be devoted to Sunday schools. Moved that we meet on fifth Sunday in October, 1911, with the Mt. Harmony Baptist church and that the pastor and deacons of said church prepare a program. Carried. Moved that each Union prepare a program and select a place for the next Union. Adopted.

The Moderator appointed Writers for the next session (see front page).

The Executive Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Executive Committee.

To the Union Baptist Association:

The Executive Committee, at a meeting held Saturday, August 5th, recommended that the Association employ Bro. R. H. James to preach at North and West Monroe at a salary of $300 per year, for all of his time, provided that the churches shall supplement his salary to an amount not less than $250, and provided further that Bro. James shall preach two Sunday mornings and nights at each church, and shall conduct prayer-meeting once a week at each church, except when engaged in protracted meetings elsewhere. Respectfully,

Executive Committee.

R. H. James made the following report, which was ordered printed. After some remarks by R. H. James and B. Craig, the roll

of churches was called and pledges taken to pay the debt on West Monroe church (see table of pledges).

Report of R. H. James.

My Brethren: — Your Executive Board employed me for half my time this year in North and West Monroe. I begun the work under disadvantages. I found the work at North Monroe in bad shape. The outlook is now better. We have had 22 additions, ten by baptism. The Sunday school has increased from 8 to 150 in number, and we have painted the house of worship both out and inside.

We organized a church at West Monroe on June the 27th, with twenty-one members, and built a house of worship, costing $868.00, installed in it electric lights, and painted it on the outside. We put in a concrete pool. On the house we are behind $668..00. We have had sixty-three additions to the church, thirty-two by baptism. We hope the brethren of the Association will help to raise the remainder of this debt. These brethren are grateful for the kindness we have shown them in giving them a house of worship, and are doing all they can. Brethren, will you not help the poor who are trying to help themselves. The Sunday school at West Monroe is in fine working order. I must say that some of the members of the First Church must have credit for the fine Sunday school work at both North and West Monroe. G. W. James has given excellent service at both places, and brethren John and Joseph Benton, and some of the good sisters have done the same. I have found all that heart could wish for in Bro. Craig. He is a brother in the true sense, and gave me a helping hand.

Now, the board and these two churches have asked me to discontinue my work in the country, and give all of my time to these two churches, during the incoming year. This I have consented to do. The work is much needed, and over a thousand souls on the field, many of whom carry their religion as they move from town to town. So, it is our duty to take the advantage of our opportunities in trying to spread the truth. Your servant,

R. H. James.

J. H. Benton read the report on State Missions as follows:

State Missions.

Our Savior in laying out the great Missionary program had in mind the final triumph of his kingdom, and when he gave the marching orders he said, Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria,and to the uttermost parts of the earth, and the order of the march was, begin at Jerusalem, begin at home. This command is just as binding on God's people today as it was when it fell from the lips of our Saviour, and we will be false to our leader if we do not obey to the letter this command. Our fisrt duty is to evangelize our own household, our own community, our own Association, our State. State missions is only the means to a larger end. Every church and Sunday school organized, every school and college established in our State, will be the means of better preparing our forces in extending the kingdom throughout the world. Then if we would be a great force and

power in extending the kingdom throughout the earth, we must follow the program as laid out by our Master, and build here in our home-land a strong bases of supply. It will be folly to talk Foreign Missions while our own State lies in sin.

There are many mission fields now ripe unto harvest, and many waste places in our State that need our special attention. Now is the opportune time to strengthen our stakes in the great destitute places of eastern Carolina, the future Nile of America. We should have a church and Sunday School in every cotton mill section of our State. It is a great field for missions, and claims our immediate attention.

Never in the history of our State was there a greater demand for missions. With the rapid increase of emigration, our State is destined to be filled with a vast mixed population. Now is the time to strengthen our stakes and prepare to receive and take care of our coming guests. We should have a strong force of workers in every community and so inspire our people with the love of Christ and the spirit of missions, when the stranger comes within our gates, that they may feel that they are among none other than the people of God. As our population and wealth increases the demand for State Missions is greater.

Our average gifts to State Missions per capita is about 12 cts. Shame to our people. We should increase our gifts at least one hundred per cent.

We would recommend that our Association raise next year at least one thousand dollars for State Missions. J. H. Benton.

L. Johnson spoke to the report, roll of cherches was called and pledges taken (see pledges) and the report was adopted.

H. G. Bryant read the following report on Home Missions:

Home Missions.

The hope of the world is Christianity. For there is none other name given under heaven among men whereby we must be saved. The structure of Foreign Missions rests upon two mighty pillars—the salvation of America and the work of Home Missions. But in the last analysis the salvation of America rests upon the enterprise of Home Missions. This makes Home Missions second in importance to no other.

The outlook of Home Missions is an outlook upon work that needs to be done at once, for if it is not done now it can never be done. No matter what direction the view. Whether Panama, Cuba, Isle of Pines, the negro population, our cities, our villages, our mountains. What is seen is a mighty work. The field of labor, instead of getting smaller, is getting larger. As our land grows in numbers, wealth, and intelligence, the pressure of the work becomes greater. More work is needed in the cities than ever before, more work among the mountain population, more work in the country and villages. Four gigantic forces are uniting to hinder. These must be met or they will triumph in our cities. These forces are the saloon, the Roman Catholic church, the invasion of foreign imigration, and greatest of all, the indifference of evangelistic christians.

The Lord's plan for meting these difficulties was, "Go ye in-

to all the world and preach the pospel to every creature," "Beginning at Jerusalem." Our Judea and Samaria are in the United States. Out of about 90,000,000 only about 20,000,000 are members of evangelistic denominations, and out of this number something over 5,000,00 are Baptist. Are we not neglecting our Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria ?

The situation is alarming, and we, in this report, earnestly request that we pledge more for Home Missions for next year, and that each pastor lay the matter of the home-land on the hearts of his people as never before. Also let us request that our people read the Home Field, so that they may know the needs of the home-land. Respectfully submitted,

H. G. Bryant.

After remarks by E. W. Sikes and A. C. Davis the report was adopted.

The Finance Committee made the following report which was adopted.

Report of Finance Committe.

Collected and turned over to Treasurer $481.81 as follows:

State Missions	$132.04.
Foreign Missions	69.39.
Home Missions	88.44.
Aged Ministers	36.14.
Orphanage	99.15.
Education	2.00.
Poor	2.00.
Minute Fund	$48.45
Totol	$481.45.

Moved that the clerk have the minutes published, and that he be allowed the usual compensation for his services. Carried.

D. M. Austin offered the following: Resolved that we tender our thanks, and express our appreciation for the very commodious and hospitable way in which we have been entertained by the Faulks church and surrounding community. Adopted by a rising vote.

A. C. Davis was appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. R. H. James, J. L. Bennett and J. A. Bivens were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Moved that we adjourned to meet with the Macedonia Baptist church October 9, 1912.

V. T. CHEARS, Moderator.
BRAXTON CRAIG, Clerk.

Note—The authorized delegates of the Association to the State Convention three years ago pledged one hundred dollars to the endowment of Wake Forest College. Only about $22 of the amount has been paid, and so far the Association's note has been worthless . The churches are earnestly requested to send either now or later, contributions for this purpose, to treasurer F. B. Ashcraft,, Monroe, N. C., stating what it is for, and he will have the amount applied on our note.—Clerk.

	Pastors and Their Postoffices.	Clerks and Their Postoffices.	Sunday School Superintendents.
Antioch	R. M. Hagler, Matthews, N. C.	P.S. Hinson, Unionville, N. C.	T. S. Baucom, Unionville, N. C.
Benton's X Roads	A. Marsh, Marshville, N. C.	H. C. Simpson, Monroe Route 2.	J. K. Trull, Monroe, N. C. R. 2.
Bethel	M. D. L. Preslar, Monroe, N. C.	W. T. Morgan, Marshville, N. C.	F. A. Marsh, Marshville Route 1.
Corinth	H. G. Bryant, Wingate, N. C.	J. B. Price, Monroe Route 9.	B. F. King, Mineral Spring,N.C.
Deep Springs	H. G. Bryant, Wingate, N. C.	W. A. Caudle, Peachland, N. C.	L. B. Phifer, Peachland,N.C.
Ebenezer	A. Marsh, Marshville, N. C.	G. W Baucom, Monroe Route 6.	A. M. Newell, Indian Trail, N.C.
Fairfield	J. G. Gulledge, Monroe, Route 1.	J. C. Griffin, Marshville, N. C.	J. L. Williams, Marshville, N.C.
Faulks	A. C. Davis, Olive Branch, N. C.	E. F. Haney, Wingate Route 2.	Calvin Nash, Wingate Route 2.
Hamilton's X Roads	A. Marsh, Marshville, N. C.	M. L. Sinclair, Marshville R. 4.	J. B. Staten, Marshville Route 4.
Hermon	R. H. James, Monroe, N. C.	J. E. Bigham, Waxhaw Route 2.	W. H. Helms, Waxhaw Route 1.
Hopewell	M. D. L. Preslar, Monroe, N. C.	W. L. Biggers, Unionville, N. C.	T. L. Price, Unionville, N. C.
King Street	G. L. Merrell, Waxhaw, N. C.	J. R. Eason, Waxhaw, N. C.	J. T. Black, Waxhaw, N.C.
Macedonia	M. D. L. Preslar, Monroe, N. C.	A. L. Funderburk, Monroe R. 1.	C. E. B. Parker, Monroe, N.C.
Marshville	D. M. Austin, Charlotte, N. C.	B. H. Griffin, Marshville, N. C.	J. C. Morgan, Marshville, N. C.
Meadow Branch	D. M. Austin, Charlotte, N. C.	W. V. Williams, Wingate, N. C.	J. W. Bivens, Wingate,N.C.
Mill Creek	M. D. L. Preslar, Monroe, N. C.	T. A. J. Price, Unionville R. 2.	I. A. Clontz, Unionville Route 2.
Monroe	Braxton Craig, Monroe, N. C.	H. E. Copple, Monroe, N. C.	F. B. Ashcraft, Monroe,N.C.
Mount Harmony	J.E.M.Davenport, Matthews, N.C.	B. H. Sustar, Matthews, N. C.	J. E. Sustar, Matthews, N.C.
Mount Moriah	E. O. Thompson, Pageland, S. C.	P. H. Mills, Marshville, N. C.	P. H. Mills, Marshville, N.C.
Mount Olive	Sam Long, Wake Forest, N. C.	J. W. Collins, White Store, N. C.	L. B. Ring, White Store, N. C.
Mount Pleasant	J. A. Bivens, Wingate, N. C.	B. L. Goodwin, Monroe R. 1.	B. L. Goodwin, Monroe Route 1.
Mountain Spring	R. H. James, Monroe, N. C.	A. D. Moore, Monroe, N. C.	C. C. Parker, Monroe, N.C.
New Hope			
New Salem	A. C. Baker, Monroe, N. C.	B. B. Helms, Monroe, N. C.	A. T. Helms, Monroe, N. C.
North Monroe	R. H. James, Monroe, N. C.	Jas. S. Helms, Monroe, N. C.	Jas. S. Helms, Monroe,N.C.
Oak Grove	J. A. Bivens, Wingate, N. C.	C. B. Gordon, Monroe, N. C.	W. K. Rape, Monroe, N.C.
Olive Branch	G. O. Wilhoit, Ansonville, N. C.	E. H. Baucom, Marshville R. 5.	J. F. Gaddy, Marshville Route 5.
Philadelphia	R. H. James, Monroe, N. C.	M. L. Baker, Monroe R. 1.	J. L. Autrey, Marshville Route 3.
Pleasant Hill	T. P. Little, Marshville, Route 2.		
Roanoke	R. M. Hagler, Matthews, N. C.	J. H. Price, Monroe, R. 2.	A. R. Helms, Indian Trail R. 1.
Sandy Ridge	M. D. L. Preslar, Monroe, N. C.	D. C. Montgomery, Monroe R. 9.	D. C. Montgomery, Monroe R. 9.
Sardis	R. M. Hagler, Matthews, N. C.	A. B. Yandle, Monroe R. 6.	R. Helms, Monroe, N. C. R. 6.
Shiloh	A. Marsh, Marshville, N. C.	A. B. Helms, Monroe R. 6.	L. C. Polk, Monroe, N. C., R. 6.
Union	A. C. Davis, Olive Branch, N. C.	J. W. Snider, Olive Branch,N.C	B. F. Parker, Monroe,N.C.
Union Grove	H. G. Bryant, Wingate, N. C.	R. J. Hamilton, Marshville, N. C.	W. B. Holmes, Marshville, N. C.
Waxhaw	R. H. James, Monroe, N. C.		
West Monroe	R. H. James, Monroe, N. C.	Giles Griffin, Monroe, N. C.	J. H. Benton, Monroe, N.C.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

Churches	Additions.			Losses.			Membership.		
	By Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	By Letter.	Death.	Exclusion.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Antioch	9	1	....	2	....	1	39	63	102
Benton's X Roads	2	14	1	2	1	4	43	62	105
Bethel	18	12	....	1	....	....	52	42	94
Corinth	23	16	....	10	....	3	58	80	138
Deep Springs	17	4	1	5	1	1	31	85	116
Ebenezer	2	9	5	7	....	....	25	37	62
Fairfield	....	....	....	3	....	....	24	32	56
Faulks	8	8	1	3	1	5	67	108	175
Hamilton's X Roads	....	....	1	9	....	....	38	45	83
Hermon	11	....	....	5	....	....	42	46	88
Hopewell	12	4	....	3	1	....	61	87	148
King Street	....	1	....	5	1	....	22	30	52
Macedonia	5	8	1	1	....	....	34	59	93
Marshville	15	15	....	14	1	1	104	150	254
Meadow Branch	7	6	....	12	3	....	124	183	307
Mill Creek	15	6	....	8	2	....	90	130	220
Monroe	15	33	17	22	1	2	138	224	362
Mount Harmony	9	7	....	10	1	....	125	140	265
Mount Moriah	1	1	....	6	1	....	60	52	112
Mount Olive	8	4	....	5	....	....	47	51	98
Mount Pleasant	4	2	1	2	1	1	27	52	79
Mountain Spring	23	6	....	5	1	1	77	76	153
New Hope	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
New Salem	1	....	2	9	1	2	24	28	52
North Monroe	10	13	8	20	....	1	26	40	66
Oak Grove	3	6	....	3	....	2	44	55	99
Olive Branch	9	6	....	3	4	....	51	97	148
Philadelphia	22	5	2	12	3	4	80	96	176
Pleasant Hill	2	....	1	10	1	....	38	72	110
Roanoke	....	....	....	13	....	....	21	33	54
Sandy Ridge	8	3	2	1	....	8	38	77	115
Sardis	9	8	....	1	1	3	30	43	73
Shiloh	22	14	3	14	4	3	76	101	177
Union	3	3	....	5	2	....	44	70	114
Union Grove	17	22	....	....	....	....	21	28	49
Waxhaw	....	....	....	....	....	....	63	82	145
West Monroe	32	58	....	....	....	....	22	63	85
Totals,	342	295	48	231	32	42	1906	2719	4625

Sunday School Table.

Churches	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars	Average Attendance.	No. Months Kept Open	Baptisms From School.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	School Expenses.
Antioch	6	60	45	12	4	75	$ 7 00
Benton's X Roads	6	50	28	8	1	50	2 31
Bethel	6	65	36	12	16	87	24 77
Corinth	5	95	70	12	12	424	11 52
Deep Springs	6	40	30	6	6	25	2 50
Ebenezer	6	43	30	6	2	44	4 50
Fairfield	4	50	30	9	.....	45	3 66
Faulks	9	80	65	9	.....	100	15 00
Hamilton's X Roads	5	25	20	6	.....	30	5 00
Hermon	3	37	25	12	11	50	7 00
Hopewell	6	50	....	8	2	56	6 00
King Street	6	50	35	12	.....	115	21 66
Macedonia	6	77	59	9	4	58	4 50
Marshville	10	149	107	12	15	175	55 34
Meadow Branch	30	429	298	12	4	532	34 70
Mill Creek	7	60	43	12	5	339	6 79
Monroe	15	241	194	12	14	450	174 41
Mount Harmony	12	129	95	12	8	.....	18 00
Mount Moriah	6	80	50	12	1	80	14 00
Mount Olive	6	50	35	9	7	45	6 50
Mount Pleasant	6	57	35	6	1	.....	3 55
Mountain Spring	6	75	47	9	6	96	8 00
New Hope	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
New Salem	9	85	60	4	1	70	23 00
North Monroe	9	148	78	12	6	175	36 23
Oak Grove	5	45	35	9	1	25	.....
Olive Branch	5	50	30	12	5	50	.....
Philadelphia	5	50	30	10	7	50	5 62
Pleasant Hill	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
Roanoke	6	29	21	4	.....	35	1 35
Sandy Ridge	8	50	40	6	.....	80	....
Sardis	8	40	35	12	3	.....	6 50
Shiloh	9	70	45	12	6	150	10 00
Union	6	....	....	6	1	.....	.....
Union Grove	7	95	75	5	15	425	8 40
Waxhaw	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
West Monroe	6	150	115	12	8	160	4 00

PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR.

Churches	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Missions.	Orphanage.	West Monroe.	Aged Ministers.	Total.
Antioch	$ 3.00	$ 2.00	$ 2.00	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$ 7.00
Benton's X Roads	6.00	6.00	6.00	.....	6.00	5.00	.....	29.00
Bethel	15.00	10.00	15.00	2.00	12.00	12.00	3.00	69.00
Corinth	10.00	6.00	11.00	2.00	10.00	10.00	.....	49.00
Deep Springs	5.00	6.00	6.00	.....	6.00	.....	2.00	25.00
Ebenezer	4.00	3.00	4.00	.....	5.00	5.00	2.00	23.00
Fairfield	3.00	2.50	3.20	.....	5.00	.....	.....	13.70
Faulks	15.00	6.00	10.00	.....	20.00	10.00	3.00	64.00
Hermon	4.00	4.00	5.00	.....	5.00	.....	2.00	20.00
Hamilton's X Roads	5.00	4.00	5.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	24.00
Hopewell	10.00	10.00	10.00	.....	8.00	.....	3.00	41.00
King Street	20.00	5.00	7.50	2.00	20.00	5.00	3.00	62.50
Macedonia	8.00	5.00	10.00	.....	8.00	.....	2.00	33.00
Marshville	60.00	60.00	75.00	5.00	75.00	10.00	10.00	295.00
Meadow Branch	55.00	75.00	55.00	10.00	60.00	15.00	10.00	280.00
Mill Creek	12.00	12.00	15.00	2.50	12.00	5.00	3.00	61.50
Monroe	175.00	135.00	250.00	20.00	200.00	50.00	30.00	860.00
Mount Pleasant	4.00	3.00	5.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	25.00
Mount Olive	7.50	3.00	10.00	.....	10.00	.....	2.00	32.50
Mount Harmony	40.00	30.00	40.00	.....	50.00	10.00	.....	170.00
Mountain Spring	4.00	3.00	5.00	.....	8.00	5.00	2.50	27.50
Mount Moriah	5.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.00
New Salem	5.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	.....	2.00	21.00
New Hope	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Monroe	9.00	3.00	5.00	1.00	9.00	5.00	2.00	34.00
Oak Grove	10.00	5.00	10.00	1.00	10.00	5.00	2.00	43.00
Olive Branch	10.00	8.00	12.50	3.00	15.00	5.00	4.00	57.50
Philadelphia	15.00	15.00	15.00	.....	10.00	20.00	5.00	80.00
Pleasant Hill	4.00	3.00	5.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	17.00
Roanoke	3.00	3.00	4.00	.....	3.00	.....	2.00	15.00
Sandy Ridge	3.50	3.00	5.00	.....	6.00	.....	.....	17.50
Sardis	5.00	4.00	5.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	19.00
Shiloh	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	15.00	10.00	5.00	60.00
Union	19.10	15.45	18.00	1.00	34.35	.....	8.05	95.95
Union Grove	5.00	5.00	5.00	.....	5.00	.....	2.00	22.00
Waxhaw	10.00	2.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	22.00
West Monroe	8.00	1.00	1.00	.....	3.00	60.00	.....	76.00
Totals,	587.10	464.95	662.20	57.50	662.35	252.00	111.55	2797.65

FINANCIAL TABLE—All amounts from every source included in this table.

Churches	Pastors' Salary.	Building and Repairing.	Incidentals.	S. S. Expenses.	Poor.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	
Antioch	$ 70 25	$	$ 6 55	$ 7 00	$ 3 00	$ 2 04	$ 2 04	$ 2 04	$
Benton's X Roads	80 00	10 00	90	2 31	2 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	
Bethel	125 00	.....	.....	24 77	17 25	10 19	10 00	15 68	
Corinth	100 00	.....	44 69	11 52	12 00	7 16	4 00	11 05	
Deep Springs	75 00	.....	.....	2 50	.....	4 00	5 00	5 00	
Ebenezer	60 00	128 00	.....	4 50	4 90	3 00	3 00	4 00	
Fairfield	60 00	.....	16 30	3 66	.....	3 00	2 50	3 20	
Faulks	125 00	.....	12 87	15 00	.....	15 00	8 33	10 00	
Hamilton's X Roads	73 00	.....	6 00	5 00	35 00	2 50	4 00	4 24	
Hermon	40 00	.....	1 00	7 00	5 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	
Hopewell	125 00	16 55	2 81	6 00	.....	15 60	18 75	17 50	
King Street	150 10	23 50	15 00	21 66	.....	20 00	10 00	15 00	
Macedonia	72 50	.....	37 50	4 50	.....	6 00	6 00	14 00	
Marshville	600 00	65 30	48 36	55 34	24 00	75 75	82 25	95 80	
Meadow Branch	300 00	.....	76 62	34 74	5 00	65 13	79 70	77 35	
Mill Creek	100 00	.....	15 30	6 79	.....	24 10	17 25	23 00	
Monroe	1512 50	491 45	463 82	174 41	29 00	246 89	228 60	376 35	1
Mount Harmony	200 00	6 90	62 00	18 00	20 00	40 00	30 00	115 15	
Mount Moriah	150 10	.....	.....	14 00	.....	5 00	.....	2 00	
Mount Olive	112 00	50 00	2 25	6 50	.....	7 50	5 62	10 00	
Mount Pleasant	37 75	.....	1 25	3 55	9 90	4 00	4 50	4 00	
Mountain Spring	114 00	61 50	2 00	8 00	.....	7 80	4 20	7 00	
New Hope	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
New Salem	15 00	.....	.....	23 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	
North Monroe	100 00	128 70	32 23	36 23	.....	8 00	3 00	3 00	
Oak Grove	100 00	168 73	25 32	.....	25 00	7 00	4 00	7 00	
Olive Branch	100 00	.....	1 50	.....	5 63	7 00	7 00	9 00	
Philadelphia	110 00	1 00	85 65	5 62	.....	15 00	8 00	13 00	
Pleasant Hill	75 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	4 00	3 00	5 00	
Roanoke	.....	.....	.....	1 35	.....	3 10	71	3 41	
Sandy Ridge	61 50	.....	5 00	.....	.....	4 00	4 00	4 00	
Sardis	50 00	.....	12 10	6 50	.....	2 00	4 00	5 00	
Shiloh	75 00	294 00	52 61	10 00	8 06	6 00	8 00	10 00	
Union	115 00	2 05	9 45	.....	10 00	19 10	15 45	18 00	
Union Grove	75 00	700 00	.....	8 40	.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	
Waxhaw	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
West Monroe	.....	75 00	5 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Totals,	5158 50	2222 68	1045 08	531 35	217 74	658 86	599 90	906 60	1

FINANCIAL TABLE—Continued from page 18.

Churches	Orphanage.	College and Schools.	Ministerial Education.	Old Ministers Relief.	Other Objects.	Total.	Value of Church Property.	Seating Capacity of Church.
Antioch	$ 2 04	$	$....	$	$ 5 77	$ 100 73	$ 350 00	200
Benton's X Roads	8 12	.....	....	1 90	14 60	134 83	600 00	300
Bethel	16 98	.....	....	2 20	52 38	274 45	700 00	300
Corinth	10 26	.....	....	4 00	29 22	233 90	600 00	300
Deep Springs	5 00	.....	....	2 00	45 50	144 00	500 00	500
Ebenezer	5 00	.....	....	2 25	4 60	219 25	600 00	300
Fairfield	5 00	.....	....	.....		93 66	475 00	350
Faulks	20 52	.....	....	3 00	1 75	211 47	800 00	450
Hamilton's X Roads	10 70	.....	....	.....	11 00	151 44	600 00	400
Hermon	5 00	.....	....	3 00	15 00	93 00	300 00	300
Hopewell	14 53	.....	....	3 00	28 60	248 34	600 00	500
King Street	30 00	.....		5 00	71 00	361 16	1500 00	400
Macedonia	8 00	.....	....	2 00	.. ..	150 50	750 00	400
Marshville	67 75	.....	18 35	15 00	67 79	1215 69	2000 00	500
Meadow Branch	84 50	18 50	10 00	5 00	54 75	813 87	1500 00	600
Mill Creek	12 89	1 00	....	3 64	34 61	239 58	1200 00	500
Monroe	297 22	280 00	10 00	25 00	199 05	4344 29	1800 00	500
Mount Harmony	50 00	.....	....	5 00	.. ..	546 90	2025 00	705
Mount Moriah	8 00	.....	....	.....	.. ..	179 00	2000 00	300
Mount Olive	6 00	.....	....	1 00	.. ..	200 87	1000 00	500
Mount Pleasant	5 00	.....	....	2 00	17 60	89 25	250 00	300
Mountain Spring	7 00	.....	....	2 50	25 80	239 80	350 00	300
New Hope	.....	.....	....	.....	.. ..	.....	.....	....
New Salem	5 16	.....	....	1 00	.. ..	52 16	1000 00	175
North Monroe	5 00	.....	....	2 00	.. ..	318 16	700 00	300
Oak Grove	12 33	.....	....	2 32	3 51	355 21	500 00	400
Olive Branch	13 13	.....	1 00	3 75	57 50	197 98	1000 00	400
Philadelphia	10 00	.....	....	4 00	31 05	283 32	800 00	500
Pleasant Hill	5 00	.....	....	1 00	6 93	100 93	500 00	300
Roanoke	2 47	.....	....	1 00	13 00	25 04	500 00	300
Sandy Ridge	7 00	.....	....	3 15	.. ..	88 65	400 00	300
Sardis	5 00	.....	....	2 00	.. ..	86 60	500 00	300
Shiloh	12 24	.....	....	3 00	3 07	481 98	1000 00	300
Union	34 35	.....	1 20	8 05	6 51	240 16	750 00	500
Union Grove	5 00	.....	2 00	2 00	40 00	847 40	800 00	400
Waxhaw	.....	.....	....	.....	.. ..	.....	.....	....
West Monroe	.....	.....	....	.....	.. ..	84 00	1400 00	300
Totals,	796 27	299 50	42 55	120 76	840 59	13447 57	46655 00	13925

A Table Showing Contributions from the Various Societies.

All amounts have been credited in Financial Table.

CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Poor	Ministerial Education	Other Objects
Bethel W. M. S.	.....	.....	3 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel Sunday School	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 98	.....	.....	.....
Hopewell W. M. S.	5 60	8 75	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 65
Marshville W. M. S.	10 65	18 05	17 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 75
Marshville Sunday School	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 41	.....	.....	.....
Marshville R. A.	2 50	.....	1 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshville Sunbeams	2 60	4 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Meadow Branch W. M. S	4 25	12 55	17 50	.....	.....	5 00	.....	12 70
Meadow Branch Sunday School	15 88	.....	19 83	2 32	34 58	.....	.....	.....
Meadow Branch Sunbeams	5 00	2 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 30
Mill Creek W. M. S.	5 00	5 25	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Mill Creek Sunday School	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 89	.....	.....	4 55
Monroe W. M. S.	84 10	81 75	142 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 70
Monroe Sunday School	11 54	20 00	8 80	10 00	169 90	.....	10 00	.....
Monroe Y. W. A.	21 00	18 00	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 20
Monroe R. A.	20 00	16 85	26 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monroe Sunbeams	20 00	27 00	55 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 56
Monroe Ladies Aid Society	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 50	8 00	.....	16 79
Mt. Olive W. M. S.	.....	2 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mountain Spring W. M. S.	3 80	1 80	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 60
New Salem S. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 16	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh S. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 24	.....	.....	3 07

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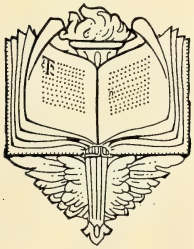

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TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER FOR NEXT SESSION.

Time—Wednesday (11 o'clock) before the second Sunday in October, 1913.

Place—Meadow Branch Baptist Church.

Preacher—Braxton Craig; alternate, M. D. L. Preslar.

WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

State Missions—Braxton Craig.
Home Missions—E. C. Snyder.
Foreign Missions—J. L. Bennett.
Orphanage—R. H. James.
Education (General)—H. E. Copple.
Wingate School—B. C. Ashcraft.
Recorder—R. M. Hagler.
Aged Ministers—V. T. Chears.
Woman's Work—A. Marsh.
Temperance—J. W. Bivens.
Sunday Schools—J. S. Simpson.

Minutes Union Baptist Association

The Union Baptist Association met in its fifty-eighth annual session in the meeting house of the Macedonia Baptist Church at 11 A. M. on Wednesday, October 9, 1912.

According to appointment the introductory sermon was preached by E. C. Snyder, of Wingate. Text: Titus II:7, "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity." After the sermon a recess was taken until 1 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 1 P. M.

The Association was called to order by Moderator V. T. Chears. The roll of the churches was called and the following messengers answered to their names:

Antioch—J. W. Love, J. P. Hinson.
Benton's Cross Roads—J. F. Price.
Bethel—By Letter.
Corinth—S. E. Price, A. B. Shaw.
Deep Springs—Z. A. Caudle, Joda Austin.
Ebenezer—Lee Benton, D. L. Furr, B. A. McRorie.
Fairfield—E. M. Helms, W. H. Braswell.
Faulks—H. E. Walden, W. D. Hasty.
Hamilton's Cross Roads—M. L. Sinclair, J. B. Staton.
Hermon—R. W. Flow.
Hopewell—J. L. Crowell, Theron Helms.
King Street—Calvin Broom.
Macedonia—N. A. Funderburk, K. B. Laney, John Medlin.
Marshville—J. C. Morgan.
Meadow Branch—T. E. Williams, N. W. Bivens, R. M. Hagler.
Mill Creek—T. J. Little, J. C. Purser, I. A. Clontz.
Monroe—H. E. Copple, D. B. Snyder, M. C. Long.
Mount Harmony—J. E. Sustar, B. A. Sustar, J. F. Moser.
Mount Moriah—_____
Mount Olive—C. H. Rivers.
Mount Pleasant—Henderson Davis, J. H. Rape.
Mountain Springs—Julius Presson.
New Hope—_____

North Monroe—Wm. J. Trull, Myers Medlin.
New Salem—W. H. Long, Allen T. Pressley, Fletcher Helms.
Oak Grove—C. B. Gordon, Jeff Underwood.
Olive Branch—J. G. Gulledge, E. F. Baucom.
Philadelphia—R. D. Smith, H. L. Autry, B. R. Green.
Pleasant Hill—By Letter.
Roanoke—A. M. Price.
Sandy Ridge—John Fincher.
Sardis—_____
Shiloh—B. H. Benton, T. Z. Secrest, W. J. Sutton.
Union—B. F. Parker, J. V. Trull.
Union Grove—W. B. Holmes, A. B. Nash.
Waxhaw—L. M. Riner, W. R. Godfrey.
West Monroe—J. T. Lowry, J. F. Byrd, R. S. Morris.

The moderator declared a quorum present, and that the first thing in order was the election of a moderator. V. T. Chears declined to stand for re-election. M. D. L. Preslar was elected moderator; T. P. Little, vice-moderator; Braxton Craig, clerk; F. B. Ashcraft, treasurer, and J. W. Bivens, historian.

B. Craig made the following report on order of business, which was adopted:

Wednesday, October 9th.

1:00 P. M.—Organization.
1:30—Report on Recorder.
2:15—Report on Sunday Schools.
3:00—Report on Temperance
Appointment of Committees.

Thursday, October 10th.

9:30 A. M.—Prayer and Praise.
10:00—Foreign Missions.
11:00—Report of Executive Committee; Missionary of Union Association; State Missions.
1:30 P. M.—Report on General Education and Wingate School.
3:30—Miscellaneous Business.

Friday, October 11th.

9:30 A. M.—Prayer and Praise.
10:00—Aged Ministers.
10:30—Womans' Work.
11:00—Home Missions.

1:30 P. M.—Orphanage.

2:30—Obituaries, Appointment of Committees, Election of Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention and to State Baptist Convention, Miscellaneous Business, Adjournment.

BRAXTON CRAIG,
M. D. L. PRESLAR,
J. L. BENNETT,
Committee.

G. L. Merrell read the following report on Biblical Recorder, after remarks by W. R. Beach, special agent for the Recorder, A. C. Davis, E. C. Snyder, J. W. Bivens and G. L. Merrell. The report was adopted.

Report on The Biblical Recorder.

The Biblical Recorder has been the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina for almost four score successive years. During these years the Recorder has been the principal means of communication among our Baptist people of this State who have grown to be quite a host.

All this time the Recorder has kept to the line as true as steel; and there is not a Baptist institution in North Carolina, nor scarcely a Baptist in the State, who has not been helped by the Biblical Recorder.

It is no matter of small importance to have the Recorder bring annually into our homes her fifty-one copies, laden with various information concerning every department of our Baptist affairs.

One cannot be a thoroughly developed North Carolina Baptist unless he reads the Recorder. As a medium of communication, and a source of information, the Recorder is going to press its way evenly ahead for the years to come; and it should be found in every Baptist home in the State.

Respectfully submitted,
G. L. MERRELL.

The Sunday School report was called for, and no report having been prepared, B. Craig, D. M. Austin and A. C. Davis addressed the Association on the subject of Sunday Schools; after which the roll of churches was called and pledges taken for Sunday School missions. (See table of pledges.) H. E. Copple was asked to prepare a report and hand to the clerk.

Report on Sunday Schools.

Our minutes of last year show that of our 37 churches

34 of them had Sunday Schools open from four to twelve months in the year, with a total enrollment of 1,959. We had 4,625 church members from which we find that our church roll was more than double our Sunday School roll.

Again, by comparison, for the last 15 years we find that our increase in Sunday Schools has not kept pace with church membership. Quite a percentage of our students are not church members. With these facts, therefore, we safely conclude that less than one-third of our church members attend Sunday School. Why two out of every three absent?

With all tenderness and love I bring these 3,000 absent church members to the hearts of you fathers and mothers who are yourselves members of our churches.

Nevertheless, the Sunday School workers are not to be discouraged for in our own Association at least one-half, and in our State about three out of every four come in to the church from the Sunday School. This is a natural result for the primary purpose of the whole matter is to win the unsaved to Christ.

Brethren, sisters, these holy Sabbath days do you gather yourselves with your own and your neighbors' children in God's holy temple and there to the best of your ability instruct the saved in the ways of the Lord and point the unsaved to the Lamb of God? We are our neighbors' keepers, and when we neglect the glorious opportunity the Sunday School affords us to bless our fellowman we rob ourselves of much happiness.

"Awake, awake, oh Zion, Put on thy strength."

Respectfully submitted, H. E. COPPLE.

M. D. L. Preslar read the report on Temperance. After remarks by the writer, A. C. Davis, O. C. Curlee, D. M. Austin, J. C. Morgan, J. G. Gulledge, J. A. Bivens and T. P. Little the following report was adopted.

Temperance.

The people of North Carolina have just cause to be proud of the progress that has been made in temperance reform during the last few years. Less than a generation ago barrooms lined many of our public highways, and the still where liquor was regularly made and sold was a common sight. But as the light of civilization grew brighter the people were made to see that such places were only hotbeds of evil, that they bred all kinds of crime, blighted

our manhood and turned loose on the charities of the people many helpless widows and orphans annually.

Confronted with such facts the Christian manhood of our State rose up and declared by an overwhelming majority of 44,000 that the saloon should go.

But we should not deceive ourselves by thinking that a final and complete victory has been won. The friends of alcohol are still with us in large numbers. They have a strong organization, and are ever at work. They seek to discredit our present good law by crying prohibition does not prohibit. They do not mind paying fines so long as the profits from sales overbalance the expense. They do not hesitate to spend money when by so doing they can increase the number of dram-drinkers.

In consideration of the foregoing facts, and to counteract the intemperate influences that are at work among us, we, too, should organize and work.

Your committee also recommends 1st, that we seek for the strict enforcement of our present good prohibition law.

2nd. That we petition our Congressmen and Senators to use their influence for the enactment of a law that will prohibit the shipment of liquor from a wet State into a dry one.

3rd. That each church not already incorporated petition the Legislature to incorporate it so as to prohibit the sale of cider and wine within a certain radius of the church.

Respectfully submitted, M. D. L. PRESLAR.

The moderator appointed the folowing committee:

Finance—T. E. Williams, I. A .Clontz and T. Z. Secrest.

Time, Place and Preacher for Next Session—C. H. Rivers, J. C. Morgan and J. L. Crowell.

On Obituaries—J. G. Gulledge, E. C. Snyder and R. M. Hagler.

F. B. Ashcraft, J. W. Bivens and N. A. Funderburk were elected a committee to co-operate with the State Sunday School secretary.

The hospitality comittee made its report, and the Association adjourned until Thursday morning, to meet at 9:30 with Jonah Simpson to conduct the devotional services.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th.

After devotional services the Association was called to order at 10:00 A. M. Minutes of Wednesday read and ap-

proved. J. W. Snyder, of Concord, was recognized. B. Craig read the following report on Foreign Missions:

Report on Foreign Missions.

A just and comprehensive view of foreign mission opportunities at present is the greatest inspiration in the Kingdom of God on earth.

The complete transformation of China within the last few months is one of the greatest events in human history. A radical change of one-fourth of the human race intellectually and politically and the making of them ready for spiritual readjustment, in so short a time, is without parallel in the history of nations.

The Foreign Mision Board located at Richmond, Va., is a committee appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention to carry on this, our foreign mission work, by the co-operation of all our churches and in behalf of all our people.

It is our work. One member of the Board lives in each State and is called the State Vice-President. A representative of the Board lives in every association. He is expected to confer with the Board and with the churches in the interest of the work. At the present meeting of the body this association is expected to elect this Representative of the Foreign Mission Board to serve until the next meeting of the association.

Our present fields are Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Italy, Africa, Japan and China.

The present number of missionaries is 271. The native workers have been increased to 577, making a total force of 848. The 342 native churches are growing in self-support and missionary efforts. The 422 Sunday schools are doing aggressive work. Nine Women's Training Schools have 312 students, and ten theological schools have 245 students. These with the other 208 schools of all grades have 6,156 pupils. In six hospitals and thirteen dispensaries, thirteen medical missionaries treated 51,796 patients during the year. Four publishing plants are sending out millions of pages of religious literature.

The contributions for 1911-'12 were $580,408, a gain of $70,400 over the previous year. Of this amount 12 per cent. was used for expenses at home as follows: in Richmond, 5 per cent.; W. M. U., 1 per cent.; interest, 2½ per cent. State expenses, 3½ per cent. This percentage of expenses is larger than the Board wants it to be. Our people can reduce it very much by sending their money all through the

year, so as to save the interest account. Let it also be remembered that a large part of the money used at home is expended in efforts to arouse our people and increase contributions.

The Southern Baptist Convention asked the churches to raise $618,000 for foreign missions this year. Every dollar of it is needed to meet past obligations and maintain the work on a hopeful basis. The Convention apportioned this amount among the various States, and the amount asked of each State is apportioned among the associations. It is very important that this association, either through its executive committee or a special committee, apportion the amount asked for among the churches.

One hundred years ago Adoniram Judson and Luther Rice went out to India as Congregational Missioneries. By the study of the Bible they became Baptists. This fact aroused the Baptists of America to undertake foreign missions in an organized way.

The most significant advance ever ordered by the Southern Baptist Convention took place when the Oklahoma meeting last May authorized the Foreign Mission Board to raise one million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as an Equipment Fund in honor of the Judson Centennial. One million dollars of this to be used for equipping our schools and publication work. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to be used for building chapels, hospitals, and missionary homes. This is a mighty call, but it is made to a mighty people. This fund is to be raised during the next three years. It is to be entirely separate from the regular foreign mission offerings and the efforts will be made to secure it in such a way as not to interfere with any other cause.

We recommend: 1. That all our people help in our foreign mission work by sympathy and prayer; by subscribing for and reading the Foreign Mission Journal; by distributing tracts which can be had for the asking; by making our offerings as large as possible; by sending in their gifts now and not waiting for the season of pressure in March and April.

2. That we solemnly pledge ourselves to do our part to raise the amount of $1,300.00 which has been asked of our association this year.

After an address by G. L. Merrill, A. C. Davis moved to amend the report, and that a committee be appointed to apportion the amount of $1,300.00 for Foreign Missions

among the churches. After several speeches, the amendment was withdrawn, the roll of the churches called, pledges taken (see table) and the report as read was adopted.

The Executive Committee not being ready to report, the report of our missionary was called for, and he being absent, the report on State Missions was called for. A. C. Davis read the report and spoke on the same. The roll of the churches was called, and pledges taken (see table), after which the report was adopted.

Report on State Missions.

The work of last year: There were 152 missionaries who preached at 351 points; they reported 1,921 baptisms and 1,427 received by letter, making total additions 3,348; ten churches were organized, 50 church buildings were in course of construction and fourteen completed these churches; contributed as follows: To pastors' salary, $25,432.00; church buildings, $32,510.00; objects of the convention, $11,021.96; other objects, $5,011.42; grand total, $73,975.74. The mission churches put back into the denominational treasury last year $27,444.93 more than we put into State missions.

This year's work we are operating on a basis of $50,000. This does not include $2,500 for Sunday School work.

We have this year 153 missionaries. Several of the mission points that were aided last year came off the board and we have opened up new fields. Three years ago $5,000 of the amount contributed by the Womans' Missionary Societies was set aside as church building funds and each year since this amount has been appropriated to church building. During this time fifteen or twenty churches have been aided and at least $40,000 added to the value of our denominational wealth in church property. The money spent in church building is one of the wisest investments the Board has ever made. A much larger sum could profitably be used in this way if it were placed at the disposal of the Board.

The work of development: Our Board has made a proposition to the Home Mission Board looking to a joint work to be conducted by the two Boards for the development of our churches along the line of development. Two or three district missionaries are to be employed to aid the pastors in associational campaigns, by holding institutes and mission rallies at churches. The Home Board has agreed to enter into this co-operative work on a small scale as an experiment.

Country Fields: The formation of our country churches into compact fields would be a distinct advantage. Indeed this is one of our greatest needs. We believe the Mission Board could aid in this direction by making an appropriation to a field on condition that the churches would co-operate in an effort to secure the services of an aggressive pastor and have him locate in their midst.

The rapid material development of our State makes it the more imperative that we prosecute State Missions with renewed vigo,r as our religious progress depends largely upon the successful prosecution of our State Mission work.

The negro is here to stay and is and will be largely what the white man makes him. So far we have failed to do our full duty by him religiously. The stranger is coming among us. we should give him the Gospel. We must Christianize the alien and the negro or they will heathenize us. We owe the black man a debt, for he is not responsible for being here among us. That some of them are very depraved and vicious we admit, so there are some of the white race who are as vicious and depraved as the negro. No strong race can oppress a weaker race without paying the penalty for so doing. You may be sure your sins will find you out, and your feet shall slide in due time, for God has said, "He that oppresseth the poor oppresseth his Maker."

Respectfully submitted, A. C. DAVIS.

Thursday, 1:30 P. M.

J. L. Bennett read the report on Education and J. W. Bivens read the report on Wingate School. After remarks by J. L. Bennett, J. W. Bivens, A. C. Davis, J. G. Carroll, D. M. Austin and B. Craig both reports were adopted, as follows:

Education.

We are bound to realize the importance of education of the masses. We are glad the State is making greater appropriations than they did a few years ago for this purpose. And we as Baptists also are convinced that it is our duty to develop physically, morally and mentally, and especially to educate and develop spiritually. We are glad the churches and State are going hand in hand in seeking to educate the masses, but we as Baptists should especially emphasize the importance of Christian education. We need it in our pulpits and in our pews.

We have eighty-five strong young men at Wake Forest

now for training, as well as at other institutions, that they may prepare themselves by God's help that they may more efficiently serve God, the church and the people. Also we have a number of secondary schools of which Wingate is one, and ours to patronize and support. These secondary schools are feeders of Wake Forest and Meredith Colleges, from which the most efficient workers must come, both ministers and laymen.

Let us prove loyal to the truth, to the church and to our God, emphasizing the importance of education and especially Christian education. If we would do this let us come at once to the support and patronage of Wingate School. We are highly favored in its being located so wisely and so near us. Let us rally to its liberal support.

Respectfully submitted, J. L. BENNETT.

Report on The Wingate School.

The Board of Trustees of The Wingate School are pleased to submit through its Executive Committee the following report:

For sixteen years an institution which is a credit to the denomination has been maintained. The school has had a gradual growth, each year seeming to be better than the preceding one.

Without ample equipment, and with a small faculty, the school has done telling work. Last year the enrollment reached 306, including 91 boarding students. Several students are preparing for the ministry. Four States and sixteen counties were represented. This session has opened perhaps better than any previous one; the present enrollment being 255, including 70 boarding students.

The new building so much needed we completed November 11, 1911, at a cost of $12,776.73. New equipment, including desks, blackboards and one piano, was purchased at a cost of $537.61. The old building was sold for $300.00. A safe estimate upon the value of the present property of the school, including about 20 acres of land, would be $20,000.00. The total indebtedness is about $10,000.00. The amount of notes in hand payable January 1, 1913, 1914 and 1915, is $4,032. Outstanding subscriptions unsecured amount to about $1,000.00. This leaves an amount of about $5,068.00 unprovided for.

A canvass was made in July and the churches visited responded liberally.

At a meeting held with the church at Wingate in March there were thirty-five accessions to the church by baptism, nearly all of whom were students in the school.

The term of office of the following trustees expires with this session of the Association: I. A. Clontz, T. E. Williams, J. L. Bennett, A. C. Davis and W. M. Perry.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BIVENS,
T. E. WILLIAMS,
J. B. MANGUM,
W. M. PERRY,
J. W. BIVENS.

Moved, that the following brethren be elected Trustees of Wingate School, for a term of six years: T. E. Williams, I. A. Clontz, J. L. Bennett, A. C. Davis and W. M. Perry.

Committee on Obituaries made the following report, which was adopted:

Obituaries.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report that since we last met the Lord has removed from our number thirty-five worthy brethren and sisters. While we loth to give them up, we realize that the Lord is too good to wrong and too wise to be mistaken, and we hope our loss is their eternal gain.

R. M. HAGLER,
J. G. GULLEDGE.
E. C. SNYDER.

The Finance Committee made its report, which was accepted, and all money was ordered to be turned over to the treasurer for proper distribution.

A. C. Davis moved that the clerk be allowed $15.00 for his services, and that the clerk be authorized to have as many minutes printed as funds would justify, and that he (the clerk) have minutes printed and distributed as early as possible. The Clerk stated that Ashcraft Bros. had sent to the Association a sealed bid for the minutes and that Beasley Bros. had been told him what they would do the work for, and the clerk asked that B. A. Sustar, J. B. Mangum and A. Marsh decide as to who should print the minutes.

Treasurer Ashcraft made the following report, which was accepted:

Amounts Received and Disbursed for Associational Year Ending October 8 1912.

Collected for State Missions	$586.62	
Paid to State Missions		$586.62
Collected for Foreign Missions	$565.15	
Paid to Foreign Missions		$565.15
Collected for Home Missions	$514.69	
Paid to Home Missions		$514.69
Collected for Sunday School Missions	$ 38.40	
Paid to Sunday School Missions		$ 38.40
Collected for Ministerial Education	$ 4.16	
Paid to Ministerial Education		$ 4.16
Collected for Aged Ministers	$ 95.26	
Paid to Aged Ministers		$ 95.26
Collected for Orphanage	$539.38	
Paid to Orphanage		$539.38
Collected for Minutes	$ 54.45	
Paid to Clerk		$ 10.00
Paid for Minutes		$ 44.45
Collected for West Monroe Church	$ 91.90	
Paid G. M. Tucker, contractor	$2,490.01	$ 80.75
Paid R. H. James		$ 11.15
		$2 490.01

Respectfully, F. B. ASHCRAFT.

The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for next session made the following report: Time—Wednesday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1913, it being October 8, 1913. Place—Meadow Branch. To preach the introductory sermon—Braxton Craig; alternate, M. D. L. Preslar. The report was adopted.

The Association adjourned until 9:30 A. M. Friday, and J. A. Bivens was appointed to conduct the devotional services.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11th.

After devotional services the Association was called to order at 10 A. M. The minutes of Thursday were read and approved. J. M. Arnette, of Durham, N. C., and S. H. Averett, of Thomasville, N. C., were recognized.

The report on Aged Ministers was read, and after an address by J. M. Arnette, the roll of the churches was called, and pledges taken (see table), then the following report was adopted:

Aged Ministers.

The Baptist Ministers' Relief Board was established in 1890, and is located at Durham, N. C. It is composed of 9 trustees and a number of associate members. The object of this board is to afford aid and relief to needy Baptist Ministers of North Carolina. There are at present 31 beneficiaries. Some of them have no means of support except the amount they receive from the board. They receive from $40 to $200 a year. An applicant for help from this board must be a Baptist minister of North Carolina, or if not a native he must have served as pastor or evangelist for five years prior to his application. The applicant must always be endorsed by his church, pastor and Association. Often the most needy do not apply for help, hence every association should look well after these old soldiers, and inform the board of their condition.

Some of our churches respond to this object liberally, some give absolutely nothing. This ought not to be. This is one of the most important objects of the Association, and we should see to it that every church and every member of that church give to this worthy object.

Paul said (Cor. 4:1): "Let a man so account of us as ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." Every true gospel minister feels as did Paul. They would have men to take notice of them, as "ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God," and when a minister lays his life on God's altar for service he looks up to God his Heavenly Father to guide his mind and heart by the holy spirit into all thruth and mysteries that he may become an efficient workman in Christ's kingdom. He also feels the force of the words of Christ, who said, "the workman is worthy of his hire." He therefore trusts his body to the care of his fellowman for food and raiment. Therefore in the name of manhood, I would appeal to the brotherhood to look well to the care and comfort of our ministers, so their minds may be free from the cares of the world, and like the great Apostle know nothing but Christ and Him crucified, and thus become a master-builder in the Lord's kingdom, while we laymen become co-workers with the ministers in extending the kingdom throughout the world.

We should so increase our contributions to the Aged Ministers' Relief Fund and make it ample enough so when the bodies of these old soldiers of the cross become worn and feeble and they can no longer obey the marching orders

and the Great Captain shall say to them as He did to the Twelve, "Come aside to a private place and rest." May their pension be sufficient to keep them comfortable in their old age, and as they look up to our Heavenly Father with grateful hearts, these hearts will overflow with love and gratitude to their fellowmen, and I am persuaded that our Heavenly Father would say to all, "Well done good and faithful servants."

Respectfully submitted, J. H. BENTON.

F. B. Ashcraft read the report on Womans' Work, and after some remarks by the writer of the report, the following was adopted:

Report on Womans' Work

The prime object of the Womans' Missionary Union is to cultivate and foster the missionary spirit (which being interpreted is the Christ spirit) among our women and children, hoping thereby to arouse interest in missions in our indifferent male members. And second to save the nickels, dimes and dollars that would perhaps find their way into other channels.

The women and children of the Union Association contributed $764.00 the past year. They take as their aim for next year $900.00. Will you help them or stand in their way? There are now about 1,200 Womans' Missionary Societies, Young Womans' Auxiliaries, Sunbeams and Royal Ambassadors in North Carolina. They contributed $35,000.00 last year to the cause for which God gave his only son.

Under the control of the Womans' Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention is The Margaret Home, located at Greenville, S. C., valued at $10,000.00. It is supported entirely by the women and children of the missionary societies. Its object is to provide a Christian home for the children of our foreign missionaries, where they can receive a good education and be cared for while their parents are in foreign lands preaching the gospel. No children under five years of age are taken in this home. The girls are permitted to stay until 17, the boys 16. There is also located

at Louisville, Ky., a training school for girls and women where they may be prepared and equipped to do efficient work as home and foreign missionaries. The school is owned and supported by the Womans' Missionary Union, and is valued at $25,000.00.

The headquarters for the literary department of the Womans' Missionary Union in Baltimore is also the property of the women, and is valued at $13,000.00; other investments $6,000.00; total $54,000.00.

There are in the Union Association twelve societies—there should be twice that many. Next to building a godly home and rearing children, it is the most worthy, the most glorious work a woman can engage in. Shall she be allowed, nay, assisted to bring her offering of love and lay it at the feet of Him whose mother was a woman?

Brethren of this Association, let's give her our sympathy, our words of good cheer, our encouragement, our prayers, and then if she has all this, our pocketbooks will involutarily come open. Respectfully submitted,

F. B. ASHCRAFT.

D. M. Austin read the report on Home Missions, and then addressed the Association. After some remarks by B. Craig, the roll of the churches was called, and pledges taken (see table). The report was adopted.

Report on Home Missions.

This feature of our work should appeal strongly to every member of the Southern Baptist Convention, because of the largness and importance of the work which it undertakes to do. In the early history of this board the work was largely directed to the frontiers, but now we have a deeper and larger vision of the work. It has been through the aid of this board that masy of our weak churches have been developed into strong centers of usefulness. The need for this board has never seemed more apparent than now. This Southern country is growing now as never before. Our population is becoming more dense at a rapid rate. Towns and cities and large developments are to be seen on every hand. Many foreigners are coming to us yearly. It is the work and hope of this board to meet them and bless them in their moral and religious needs. So with this larger view the Home Mission Board has entered earnestly into an evangelistic effort to give them the gospel in our larger

cities and also in much of our rural destitutions. This board now has thirty schools under its supervision. These schools are mostly in our mountain section. This board has also as an additional service the betterment of the colored race in the Southern Convention.

We should read The Home Field so that we may keep in touch with the plans of the larger vision of the board's work. The board is in urgent need of more funds to meet the pressing needs of the work.

Temperance, righteous reforms, civic righteousness and the preaching of the gospel to the masses is the battle-cry of the board. D. M. AUSTIN.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order promptly at 1:30 o'clock. The report on Orphanage was read by J. A. Bivens, and after remarks by the writer and S. H. Averett, a cash collection amounting to $13.55 was taken for the Orphanage, the roll of the churches called and pledges taken (see table), and the following report adopted:

Report on Orphanage.

We come to you again with a report of the year through which we have passed. It has been uneventful in its record of calamities, with the exception of one death by accident.

The average health of the children has been good. We have been disturbed by no epidemics. The school work has, in the main, been gratifying in its results. The moral and spiritual life of the institution, while not all it should be, is encouraging.

We should call attention again to more dormitory room. Almost every day an application for shelter is turned away for lack of room. All of our dormitories are crowded.. We are in great need of two or three new cottages just now. Are there not those who will answer this call?

A splendid gift has come to us through the generosity of Mr. W. L. Kennedy, in the way of a magnificent farm in Lenoir county. But this farm has no suitable buildings. We need thirty thousand dollars to equip this farm and to build cottages for the orphans. This is a great task, but we are a great people.

Charity and Children. Charity and Children has moved into the new Mills Building, which has been renovated and made suitable for an up-to-date printing office.

Charity and Children is one of the best papers in the State; and the only paper owned and controlled by the Baptists of this State. It should be taken by all of our Sunday Schools.

Your committee earnestly recommends that all of our Sunday Schools take one collection each month, and that on or near Thanksgiving Day that our churches take a collection for our Orphanage. J. A. BIVENS.

The Executive Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Union Baptist Association:—Your Executive Committee held a meeting in the parlor of the Baptist Church, Monroe, Saturday, September 28th, present F. B. Ashcraft, J. B. Mangum and G. M. Beasley, and recommend that Rev. E. C. Snyder be employed as pastor of the North Monroe and West Monroe Churches and that he be allowed by the board $300 for his services.

Respectfully, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The moderator oppointed writers for next session. (See front page.

The following brethren were elected an Executive Committee: G. M. Beasley, F. B. Ashcraft, J. B. Mangum, B. A. Sustar and H. B. Marsh.

M. D. L. Preslar was elected vice-president of the Foreign Mission Board for the Union Association.

A. C. Davis was elected a member of the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools for the Union Association.

F. B. Ashcraft was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with E. C. Snyder alternate.

A. Marsh, J. L. Bennett and E. C. Snyder were elected delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

D. M. Austin moved that a committee be appointed to apportion the amount that this Association is due Wake Forest College, on a note given by Messrs. Beasley, Davis and Shinn, between the churches, this amount being about $78.00. Carried, and A. Marsh, F. B. Ashcraft and B. Craig were appointed on this committee.

Committee on Digest of Church Letters made the following report:

Twenty-one churches report a gain of 248 members; 10 churches report a loss of 81 members; 3 churches report the same as last year; 3 churches failed to report, counting these the same as last year we have 4,792 members, or a net gain of 167.

Seventeen churches reported a gain of $3,384.43; 17 churches reported a loss of $2,133.24; 2 churches that reported $285.00 last year failed to report this year, leaving a gain of $965.19, and a grand total of $14,412.76.

We have had 301 baptisms and 35 deaths. New Hope has failed to report for three years.

B. Craig offered the following: Resolved, That we tender our thanks and express our appreciation to the Macedonia Church and surrounding community for the commodious and hospitable way in which we have been entertained. Adopted.

After singing "Blest be the tie," the Association adjourned to meet with the Meadow Branch Church October 8, 1913.

M. D. L. PRESLAR, Moderator.
BRAXTON CRAIG, Clerk.

Churches, Pastors and Their Postoffices	Clerks and Their Postoffices.	S. S. Supts. and Their Postoffices.
Antioch—A. Marsh, Marshville N. C.	P. S. Hinson, Unionville, N. C.	J. S. Baucom, Unionville, N. C.
Bentons Cross Roads—A. Marsh, Marshville, N. C.	C. H. Simpson, Route 2, Nonroe, N. C.	J. F. Price, Route 2, Monroe, N. C.
Bethel—M. D. L. Preslar, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.	J. C. Meigs, Marshville, N. C.	F. A. Marsh, Marshville, N. C.
Corinth—H. G. Bryant, Wake Forest, N. C.	J. B. Price, Route 9, Monroe, N. C.	B. F. King, Mineral Springs, N. C.
Deep Springs—H. G. Bryant, Wake Forest, N. C.	W. A. Caudle, Peachland, N. C.	Y. A. Caudle, Peachland, N. C.
Ebenezer—A. Marsh, Masrhville N. C.	G. W. Baucom, Route 6. Monroe, N. C.	J. E. Rowell, R. 1. Indian Trail, N. C.
Fairfield—A Marsh, Marshville, N. C.	J. C. Griffin, Route 2, Marshville, N. C.	J. L. Williams, R. 2, Marshville, N. C.
Faulks—A. C. Davis, Route 2, Marshville, N. C.	J. D. Webb, Route 2, Wingate, N. C.	T. G. Collins, Route 2, Wingate, N. C.
Hamilton's Cross Roads—A. Marsh, Marshville, N. C.	M. L. Sinclair, R. 4, Marshville, N. C.	J. B. Staton, R. 4, Marshville, N. C.
Hermon—G. L. Merrell, Waxhaw, N. C.	J. E. Bigham, Waxhaw, N. C.	W. H. Helms, Waxhaw, N. C.
Hopewell—M. D. L. Preslar, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.	W. L. Biggers, R. 1, Unionville, N. C.	J. W. Connell, R. 1, Unionville, N. C.
King Street—G. L, Merrill, Waxhaw, N. C.	J. R. Eason, Waxhaw, N. C.	J. F. Black, Waxhaw, N. C.
Macedonia, M. D. L. Preslar, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.	A. L. Funderburk, R. 1, Monroe, N. C.	N. A. Funderburk, R. 4, Monroe, N. C.
Marshville—D. M. Austin, Charlotte, N. C.	B. H. Griffin, Marshville, N. C.	J. C. Morgan, Marshville, N. C.
Meadow Branch—D. M. Austin, Charlotte, N. C.	W. V. Williams, R. 1, Wingate, N. C.	J. W. Bivens, Wingate, N. C.
Mill Creek—A. C. Davis, Route 2, Marshville N. C.	T. A. J. Price, R. 2, Unionville, N. C.	T. F. James, Unionville, N. C.
Monroe—Braxton Craig, Monroe, N. C.	H. E. Copple, Monroe, N. C.	F. B. Ashcraft, Monroe, N. C.
Mount Harmony—G. L. Merrell, Waxhaw, N. C.	B. H. Sustar, Matthews, N. C.	J. E. Sustar, Matthews, N. C.
Mount Moriah—		
Mount Olive—D. A. Brown, Dudley, S. C.	C. E. Rushing, Marshville, N. C.	L. B. King, White Store, N. C.
Mount Pleasant—J. A. Bivens, Wingate, N. C.	B. S. Goodwin, Monroe, N. C.	M. L. Davis, Monroe, N. C.
Mountain Springs—H. G. Bryant, Wake Forest, N. C.	A. D. Moore, Monroe, N. C.	C. A. Parker, Monroe, N. C.
New Hope—		
New Salem—J. G. Gulledge, Route 4, Marshville, N. C.	B. B. Helms, Monroe, N. C.	B. B. Helms, Monroe, N. C.
North Monroe—R. H. James, Marshville, N. C.	Jas. Helms, Monroe, N. C.	Jas. S. Helms, Monroe, N. C.
Oak Grove—J. A. Bivens, Wingate, N. C.	C. B. Gordon, Monroe, N. C.	W. R. Rape, Monroe, N. C.
Olive Branch—G. O. Wilhoit, Ansonville, N. C.	E. H. Baucom, R. 2, Marshville, N. C.	H. T. Gaddy, R. 2, Marshville N. C.
Philadelphia—T. P. Little, Route 2, Marshville, N. C.	M. L. Baker, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.	J. C. Baker, Roue 3, Marshville, N. C.
Pleasant Hill—T. P. Little, Route 2, Marshville, N. C.	John C. Austin, R. 5, Marshville, N. C.	G. W. James, R. 5, Marshville, N. C.
Roanoke—J. A. Bivens, Wingate, N. C.	J. H. Price, Monroe, N. C.	E. W. Price, Indian Trail, N. C.
Sandy Ridge, T. P. Little, Route 2, Marshville, N. C.	D. C. Montgomery, R. 9, Monroe, N. C.	
Sardis—		
Shiloh—Braxton Craig, Monroe, N. C.	A. B. Helms, Monroe, N. C.	G. S. Myers, Route 6, Monroe, N. C.
Union—A. C. Davis, Route 2, Marshville, N. C.	J. W. Snyder, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.	B. F. Parker, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.
Union Grove—H. G. Bryant, Wake Forest, N. C.	R. A. Hamilton, Marshville, N. C.	W. B. Holmes, Marshville, N. C.
Waxhaw—G. L. Merrell, Waxhaw N. C.	G. L. Godfrey, Waxhaw, N. C.	J. J. Godfrey, Waxhaw N. C.
West Monroe—R. H. James, Marshville, N. C.	G. B. Griffin, Monroe, N. C.	J. H. Benton, Monroe, N. C.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	Additions			Losses			Male	Female	Total	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Seating Capacity of Church
	Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death						
Antioch	9	1		1	3		38	70	108	4	$ 800.00	300
Benton's X Roads	2	2		2	3		41	63	104	2	600.00	300
Bethel		5		5		1	52	41	93	4	950.00	400
Corinth	6	5	1		9		62	76	138	3	700.00	300
Deep Springs	2	2	1	9	1		37	80	117	2	500.00	500
Ebenezer	9	6	1	4		1	28	45	73		600.00	250
Fairfield	21	5	2			1	38	45	83	3	475.00	350
Faulks	9	1	2	5	1		67	111	178	1	800.00	450
Hamilton's X Rds.	2			7			34	42	76	1	600.00	400
Hermon	4			8			42	42	84	3	300.00	300
Hopewell	7	4		11		1	63	85	148	1	600.00	500
King Street	16	13		7		1	29	47	76	2,3,4	1500.00	400
Macedonia	16	8		4		1	49	61	110	3	600.00	300
Marshville	15	5		9	2		108	155	263	1,3	2000.00	500
Meadow Branch	35	16		9		3	138	208	346	2	1500.00	600
Mill Creek	13			5	4	2	90	132	222	3	1200.00	500
Monroe	21	28		30	2	5	143	231	374	1234	18000.00	500
Mount Harmony	13	4	1	22		2	112	120	232	2	2000.00	600
Mount Moriah							60	52	112		2000.00	300
Mount Olive	2		1	1	2	1	43	61	104	3	1000.00	400
Mount Pleasant	1	4	1	9		1	26	49	75	1	250.00	300
Mountain Springs	14	6	2	7	2	1	77	86	163	4	300.00	200
New Hope												
New Salem	1	14		4	1	1	31	31	62	3	100.00	250
North Monroe	3	7	1	8	1	1	22	44	66	1234	700.00	300
Oak Grove	1	3	1	6	3	1	40	56	96	4	600.00	400
Olive Branch	5	3	1	7			55	100	155	4	1000.00	400
Philadelphia	12	2		6		4	72	95	167	4	800.00	600
Pleasant Hill	5	5			2	1	40	77	117	1	1000.00	500
Roanoke	2			3			19	32	51	2	500.00	300
Sandy Ridge	3	4		7		1	40	76	116	2	400.00	300
Sardis							30	43	73		500.00	300
Shiloh	6	9	2	5	1	2	80	111	191	2,4	1500.00	300
Union	7	2		9			43	71	114	2	750.00	500
Union Grove	14	15		1			34	44	78	4	800.00	400
Waxhaw	17	6	2	6	4	2	51	78	129	2	1200.00	600
West Monroe	8	13		3	5	1	28	69	97	1234	2000.00	250
	301	198	19	220	46	35	1962	2829	4791		48125.00	14050

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	No. Officers and Teachers	No. Scholars	Total	No. Schools	Quarterlies and Papers Taken	Months Kept Open	Average Attendance	No. Baptisms from School	School Expenses
Antioch	6	65	71	1	60	12	35	7	$
Benton's X Roads	6	65	71	1	240	11	40	1	5.00
Bethel	14	77	91	2	133	12	50		15.08
Corinth	6	95	101	1	420	12	70	4	9.48
Deep Springs	7	50	57	1	50	8	40		6.00
Ebenezer	5	34	39	1	45	11	30	2	5.36
Fairfield	6	79	85	1	40	12	30	12	3.75
Faulks	11	150	161	2	120	8	100	8	
Hamiltons X Roads	4	20	24	1	35	3		2	8.50
Hermon	6	53	59	1	60	9	30	2	8.00
Hopewell	7	68	75	1	75	10	56	2	7.00
King Street	7	52	59	1	125	12	35	12	20.60
Macedonia	8	115	123	1	101	9	60	10	7.00
Marshville	10	156	166	1	190	12	102	14	35.04
Meadow Branch	33	381	414	3	567	12	310	35	56.47
Mill Creek	8	36	44	1	160	12	35		
Monroe	15	254	269	1	480	12	175	11	109.01
Mount Harmony	9	111	120	1		12	74	12	10.00
Mount Moriah									
Mount Olive	6	63	69	1	72	9	49	1	7.91
Mount Pleasant	6	53	59	1	150	11	40	1	4.15
Mountain Springs	7	86	93	1	86	10	41	7	7.50
New Hope									
New Salem	7	35	42	1	36		35		9.70
North Monroe	10	140	150	1	150	12	72	2	32.63
Oak Grove	5	50	55	1	28	9	35	1	2.00
Olive Branch	6	59	65	1	60	12	35	1	
Philadelphia	6	54	60	1	60	7	45	8	5.36
Pleasant Hill	6	110	116	1	125	12	80	5	8.00
Roanoke	3	51	54	1	47	5	32	1	2.00
Sandy Ridge						----			
Sardis									
Shiloh	9	87	96	1	312	12	33	2	8.00
Union	6	74	80	1	83	9	40	5	8.00
Union Grove	9	90	99	1	155	12	55	14	
Waxhaw	8	75	83	1	115	12	25	17	8.50
West Monroe	8	125	133	1	75	12	80	8	18.00
	170	3013	3183	37	5755		1969	204	$428.04

PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR.

CHURCHES	Sate and Associational Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Aged Ministers	Total
Antioch	$ 3.00	$ 2.00	$ 3.00	$	$ 5.00	$	$ 13.00
Benton's X Roads	6.00	6.00	6.00	1.00	8.00	2.00	29.00
Bethel	15.00	10.00	15.00	2.00	14.00	3.00	59.00
Corinth	8.00	6.00	8.00	1.00	12.50	2.50	38.00
Deep Springs	5.00	6.00	6.00		8.00	2.00	27.00
Ebenezer	3.00	3.00	4.00	1.00	6.00	2.50	19.50
Fairfield	5.00	5.00	5.00		10.00	2.00	27.00
Faulks	12.00	6.00	10.00		20.00	4.00	52.00
Hamilton's X Rd.	4.00	4.00	5.00	1.00	10.00		24.00
Hermon	4.00	4.00	5.00	1.00	7.50	2.00	23.50
Hopewell	10.00	10.00	10.00	1.00	10.00	3.00	44.00
King Street	22.50	5.00	10.00	2.00	20.00	5.00	64.50
Macedonia	8.00	7.00	10.00	1.00	10.00	2.00	38.00
Marshville	50.00	65.00	50.00	5.00	80.00	12.00	262.00
Meadow Branch	60.00	80.00	60.00	10.00	60.00	10.00	280.00
Mill Creek	12.00	12.00	12.00	2.00	12.00	2.00	52.00
Monroe	200.00	175.00	275.00	20.00	300.00	32.50	1002.50
Mount Harmony	42.00	40.00	40.00	1.00	60.00	5.00	188.00
Mount Moriah	5.00		2.00		5.00		12.00
Mount Olive	7.50	5.00	10.00	2.00	10.00	3.00	37.50
Mount Pleasant	4.50	3.00	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	21.50
Mountain Sps.	4.00	3.50	5.00		10.00	2.50	25.00
New Hope							
New Salem	4.00	2.00	5.00		2.00	2.00	15.00
North Monroe	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	10.00
Oak Grove	5.00	5.00	10.00		12.00	3.00	35.00
Olive Branch	8.00	5.00	8.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	43.00
Philadelphia	10.00	10.00	10.00		12.00	5.00	47.00
Pleasant Hill	4.00	3.00	5.00		5.00		17.00
Roanoke	2.00	3.00	3.00		4.00	2.00	14.00
Sandy Ridge	3.50	3.00	5.00		8.00		19.50
Sardis	5.00	4.00	5.00		7.00		21.00
Shiloh	12.00	8.00	25.00	5.00	20.00	8.00	78.00
Union	17.15	17.50	15.80	2.90	35.41	3.00	91.76
Union Grove	5.00	5.00	5.00		5.00	2.00	22.00
Waxhaw	5.00	5.00	5.00		20.00	2.00	37.00
West Monroe	10.00	2.00	4.00	1.00	5.00	1.00	23.00
	$583.15	$532.00	$663.80	$ 63.90	$836.41	$132.00	2811.26

FINANCIAL TABLE.

(All amounts from every source included in this Table.)

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Other Objects	Total
Antioch	$ 64.00	$	$ 15.90	$	$ 5.23	$ 3.00	$ 3.00	$ 3.00	$	$ 5.00	$	$	$ 1.30	$ 3.00	$ 103.43
Benton's Cross Roads	80.00		1.00	5.00		6.00	6.00	6.00		6.00	5.00			15.75	130.75
Bethel	135.00	250.00		15.08		15.00	10.00	16.45	2.00	19.96			3.00	20.26	486.69
Corinth	100.00	15.00	26.00	9.48	4.50	10.00	6.00	11.00	2.00	10.00				10.00	203.98
Deep Springs	100.00	13.75	.65	6.00		5.00	6.00	6.00		6.00			2.00	13.00	158.40
Ebenezer	60.00		1.00	5.36	1.20	4.00	3.00	4.00		6.85			2.00	24.10	111.51
Fairfield	75.00		33.00	3.75		5.00	5.00	5.00		10.00					136.75
Faulks	100.00		64.70	8.50	1.00	15.00	6.00	10.00		20.00			3.00	10.00	237.20
Hamilton Cross Roads	70.00	6.00	1.00			5.00	5.00	5.00		10.00				15.75	118.75
Hermon	100.00	10.00	2.00	8.00	10.00	4.00	4.00	5.00		5.00		1.50	2.00	10.50	162.00
Hopewell	125.00		8.25	7.00		16.40	17.15	15.94		10.90		2.16	3.00	22.75	228.55
King Street	400.00	48.84	99.72	20.60	20.00	25.00	13.00	19.50	2.00	30.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	11.00	700.66
Macedonia	100.00	45.00	1.25	7.00		8.00	7.50	12.50		8.00			2 00	58 00	249.25
Marshville	500.00	53.93	121.61	35.04		80.65	76.93	100.71	5.00	75.00	212.50	10 00	10.00	58.90	1340.27
Meadow Branch	220.00		39.37	56.47		55.00	75.00	55.00	10.00	60.00			10.00	107.82	688.66
Mill Creek	60.00		1.45			15.80	14.21	19.91		13.10			3.00	22.25	149.72
Monroe	1637.50	197.33	502.72	109.01	10 00	276.65	262.95	350.37	20.00	338.48	169.00		30.00	247.90	4151.91
Mount Harmony	200.00		45.00	10.00		40.00	30.00	40.00		50.00	265.00				680.00
Mount Moriah															

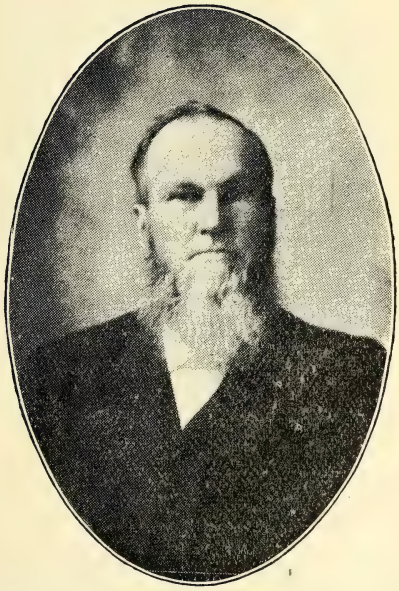
FINANCIAL TABLE—Continued.

Mount Olive	150.00	175.00	23.70	7.91		7.50	3.50	12.00	2.50	29.70			2.50		414.31
Mount Pleasant	65.25	5.00	2.00	4.15	12.00	4.00	3.00	5.00	2.00	6.58			2.00	10.00	120.98
Mountain Springs	100.00		1.60	7.50		10.35	3.30	5.33		8.01			2.50	23.65	161.23
New Hope															
New Salem	25.00		.50	9.70		2.00		2.00					1.05		40.25
North Monroe	84.91		30.10	32.63		9.00	3.00	5.00	1.00	18.00			2.00	20.72	206.36
Oak Grove	100.00	9.55	2.75	2.00	10.85	10.00	5.00	10.00	1.00	10.00			2.00	8.35	171.50
Olive Branch	75.00		12.40			10.00	8.00	12.00	3.00	15.00			4.00	9.20	149.10
Philadelphia	95.00		13.05	5.36	11.50	15.00	15.00	15.00		10.00			5.00		184.90
Pleasant Hill	50.00	500.00	1.00	8.00		4.00	3.00	4.00		5.00					575.00
Roanoke	45.00			2.00		3.00	3.00	4.00	1.00	3.00			2.00		64.00
Sandy Ridge	65.00		.50			3.50	3.00	4.00		4.30					80.30
Sardis															
Shiloh	150.00	13.50	13.30	8.00		17.35	9.50	25.35	5.00	15.88			5.00	27.10	289.98
Union	110.00	6.75	1.50	8.00		15.15	17.50	13.80	2.50	35.41	50.00	1.50	3.00	29.50	295.01
Union Grove	75.00		1.15			5.00	5.00	5.00		5.00		2.60			98.75
Waxhaw	200.00		30.00	8.50	18.45	5.00		5.00		20.00					286.95
West Monroe	125.00	24.00	13.50	18.00		10.00	4.00	4.00	1.00	4.00					203.50
	5641.06	1373.65	1111.67	428.04	104.73	720.35	$636.54	$816.86	$60.40	$874.17	$706.50	$20.76	$105.35	$779.44	$13380.60

TABLE SHOWING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM VARIOUS SOCIETIES.

(All amounts have been credited in Financial Table.)

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND SOCIETIES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Other Objects	Total
Bethel S. S.	$	$	$	$ 2.00	$ 7.76	$	$	$ 9.76
Bethel W. M. S.			1.45					1.45
Ebenezer S. S.					1.20			1.20
Hopewell S. S.	1.52		1.69				5.00	8.21
Hopewell W. M. S	4.50	7.15	4.20					15.85
Macedonia W. M. S.		1.50	2.50					4.00
Marshville S. S.	3.05		11 31	5.00	28.68		15.00	63.04
Marshville W. M. S.	15.45	19.50	29.40				3.90	68.25
Marshville Sunbeams	2.65	1.58						4.23
Meadow Branch S. S.	8.24		30.96	10.00	29.15		6.39	84.74
Meadow Branch W. M. S.		4.95	15.40					20.35
Meadow Branch Sunbeams	3.25	7.00	3.00				1.50	14.75
Mill Creek W. M. S.	3.80	4.21	4.91					12.92
Monroe S. S.	20.00		50.00	20.00	269.63	40.00		389.63
Monroe W. M. S.	95.90	127.50	116.00				5.40	344.80
Monroe Y. W. A.	22.50	25.00	24.00		4.00			75.50
Monroe R. A.	21.75	5.00	30.20					56.95
Monroe Sunbeams	10.00	25.00	45.00					80.00
Mount Olive S. S.					17.70			17.70
North Monroe S. S.				1.00	18.00			19.00
Shiloh S. S.				5.00	15.88			20.88
Shiloh W. M. S.	6.85	4.00	10.05					20.90
	219.46	232 39	380.07	43.00	382 00	40.00	37.19	1334.11



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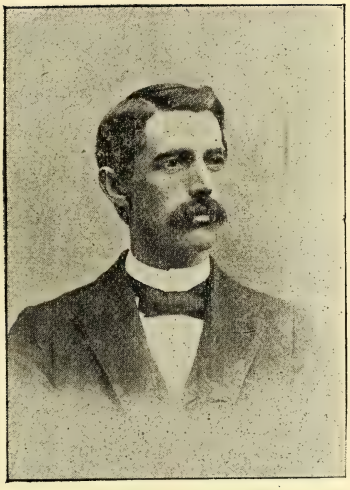

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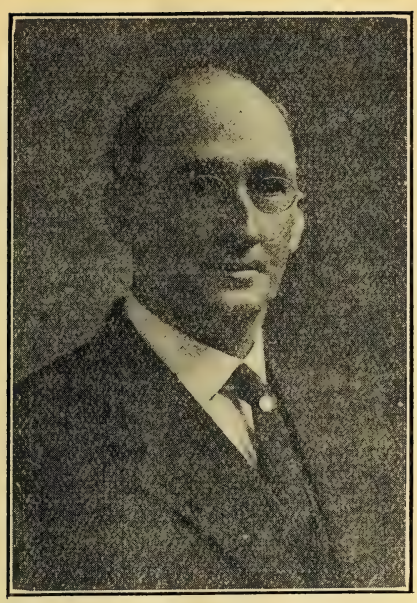

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Errata—Paragraph following Report on General Education, page 18, should follow report on Sunday Schools, and paragraph following Resolution of Thanks, page 21, should follow Report on General Education.

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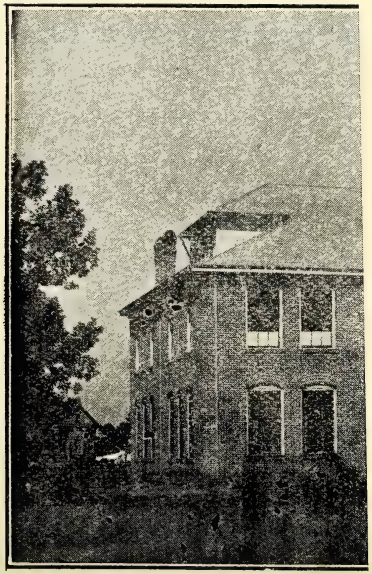

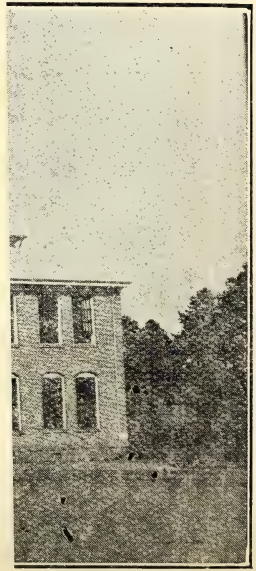

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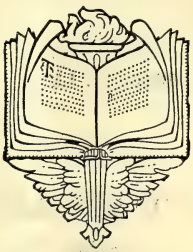

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TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER FOR NEXT SESSI

Time—Wednesday (11 o'clock) before the secon
day in October, 1914.
Place—First Baptist Church, Monroe.
Preacher—A. C. Davis; alternate A. Marsh.

WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSIC

State Missions—S. N. Watson.
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Foreign Missions—A. C. Davis.
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Wingate School—J. C. Morgan.
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Aged Ministers—B. C. Asher
Woman's Work—D. B. Snyd
Temperance—R. M. Haigler
Sunday Schools—G. L. Me

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Union Baptist Association met in its fifty-ninth annual session in the meeting house of the Meadow Branch Baptist Church at 11 A. M. on Wednesday, October, 8, 1913.

According to appointment the introductory sermon was preached by Braxton Craig, of Monroe. Text: 1 Cor. 4:2, Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.

After the sermon a recess was taken until one o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by Moderator M. D. L. Preslar, and the following messengers answered to their names:

Antioch—J. P. Hinson, M. L. Baucom.

Benton's Cross Roads—J. S. Simpson.

Bethel—C. E. Moore, T. S. Haney, Frank Little.

Corinth—T. A. Richards, H. A. Dees.

Deep Springs—L. B. Phifer.

Ebenezer—J. E. Rowell, H. M. Newell, J. G. Baucom.

Fairfield—W. L. Outen, S. S. Williams.

Faulks—W. M. Haney, W. P. Pierce, J. D. Webb.

Hamilton's Cross Roads—M. L. Sinclair.

Hermon—M. A. Helms, Claud Helms, J. E. Bigham.

Hopewell—W. G. Long, U. G. Pope, O. J. Clontz.

King Street—J. R. Eason, C. Broom, Lonnie Helms.

Macedonia—C. E. B. Parker, Troy Medlin, Clayton Parker.

Marshville—B. H. Griffin, J. C. Morgan, M. A. Griffin.

Meadow Branch—E. W. Griffin, J. G. Carroll, J. C. McIntyre.

Mill Creek—C. D. Benton, W. J. Tomberlin.

Monroe—B. C. Ashcraft, H. E. Copple, M. C. Long.

Mount Harmony—J. L. Benton, L. A. Ferguson, B. A. Sustar.

Mount Moriah—By Letter.

Mount Olive—F. H. Morgan, C. E. Rushing.

Mount Pleasant—B. L. Goodwin, James Davis.
Mounatin Springs—J. Lex Helms, Julian Griffin, Earl Parker.
New Hope—
New Salem—
North Monroe—Elijah Simpson.
Oak Grove—S. D. Spettle, S. M. Rogers, J. H. Gordon.
Olive Branch—J. W. Pritchard, C. A. Pritchard.
Philadelphia—G. W. Moser, W. L. Thomas, V. T. Chears.
Pleasant Hill—T. G. Smith, F. V. Smith.
Roanoke—A. M. Price, James Wallace.
Sandy Ridge—J. A. Melton, Ed Clawson.
Sardis—C. P. Helms.
Shiloh—J. T. Hamilton, T. Z. Secrest.
Union—Walter Tucker, S. F. Snyder.
Union Grove, J. H. Davis, E. A. Holmes.
Waxhaw—J. J. Godfrey.
West Monroe—J. T. Lowery.

A majority of the churches being represented, the Association was declared ready for business. M. D. L. Preslar was elected moderator, E. C. Snyder, vice-moderator, B. Craig clerk, F. B. Ashcraft treasurer and J. W. Bivens historian.

After the election of officers the following brethren were recognized: F. B. Hamen of Thomasville, J. W. Whitley of Matthews and S. F. Conrad of Charlotte.

The moderator appointed the following brethren on order of business: G. L. Merrell, R. M. Haigler and H. E. Copple. While the committee were out the report on temperance was called for.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

There are many things other than strong drink concerning which we should learn and heed lessons of temperance.

The word of God teaches us "to be temperate in all things." There seems, however, to be greater evil and more fearful consequences resulting from an intemperate use of intoxicating drinks than from any other one thing. It is doubtless one of Satan's most efficient means used against the souls f men. We should therefore lose no opportunity to strike a blow either by ballot or otherwise against this great evil.

We believe, however, that there is a growing sentiment against the sale and use of alcoholic liquors. This should be no cause for relaxation of our energies, but should rather stimulate us to greater efforts to free our homes, our churches and our country from this

great curse. Recognizing the Bible as our infallible guide, we offer the following resolutions:

Whereas drunkenness itself, and many evils arising therefrom, are blighting many individuals, many homes, and are sources of many other troubles which bring grief and sorrow to the heart; and, whereas, the New Testament positively forbids the use of wine except as medicine; and, whereas, it practically forbids the use of wine and all intoxicating drinks as beverages to all Christians in these words: Rom. 14:21—It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak. And also in other passages. Therefore, be it resolved:

First, That we affirm our belief in the Bible as a Book which strongly condemns any and all drunkenness in any and all persons.

Second, That these two passages: "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth or is offended, or is made weak. Rom. 14:21; and also Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit. Eph. 5:18. These passages furnish sufficient foundation on which to build for the Christian doctrine of practical abstinence from all intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Third, That we urge all our brethren both to teach and practice these things in the spirit of Christ.

Fourth, That we are unalterably opposed to the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage at any time or by any one.

Fifth, That we are in favor of law and order everywhere and that we urge all our people "to render unto God the things that are God's and unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's."

Sixth, That we approve of all honest and legal efforts to encourge the execution and enforcement of all alws which protect life and liberty and promote the cause of temperance.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BIVENS.

J. W. Bivens read the report, and after remarks by the writer and S. F. Conrad and J. W. Little the report was adopted.

Committee on Order of Business made the following report:

Temperance—1:30 to 2:15.
Aged Ministers—2:15 to 2:45.
Recorder—2:45 to 3:30.
Thursday morning devotional exercises—9:30 to 10.
Report on Foreign Missions at 10.
Report on Orphanage at 11.
Afternoon: Report on State Missions, 1:30.

Report on Woman's Work at 3.
Friday morning, devotional exercises, 9:30 to 10.
Report on Home Missions at 10.
Report on General Education and Wingate School, 11.
Friday afternoon: Report of Executive Committee, 1:30.
Report on Sunday Schools, 2.
Miscellaneous Business.

After the report on order of business, the report on Ministerial Relief was read by V. T. Chears.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Brethren:—You have appointed the old to write of the aged. The Ministerial Board has been established about twenty-three years and has relieved one hundred and three ministers and widows of ministers. Thirty-seven are on the board at present. They are men who in the years gone by traveled on foot and on horseback, teaching what they conceived to be right. With little or no pay they went from place to place, often discouraged and disheartened, fearlessly preaching what they believed to be the teaching of Christ. Relying on God, they found no difficulties they could not surmount, no trials they could no endure. With Bible in hand they pointed out the way of salvation, and laid the foundation upon which the Baptists have builded. We are called upon to help them. What will our answer be? V. T. CHEARS.

After remarks by the writer, R. H. James and E. C. Snyder the roll of churches were called and pledges taken (see table) and the report was adopted.

R. M. Haigler read the report on Biblical Recorder as follows:

BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Early in the history of our convention the brethren saw the need of a paper through whose columns the churches of the State could be reached and enlisted in our denominational work. In 1833 a monthly journal was published by Thomas Meredith, which was in a short time changed to a weekly. This paper, the Biblical Recorder, has gone on through all the years with few interruptions. None of us can appreciate its tremendous influence in the building up of all our denominational work. It has carried light into many dark corners, it has been a vivifying force, from every section of the State news of the Kingdom has been published week by week within its columns. Reaching the great host of the Baptists of our State, it affords an opportunity for scattering light and information that no other agency does. If the Recorder were to go out of business tomorrow and no such paper published for a decade, all our

denominational enterprises and institutions would be seriously if not hopelessly embarrassed. Then, in these modern days, when the country is being flooded with Russellism and other such heresies, it is a matter of no small importance to have the Recorder to go to every home exposing such doctrine. Through all these years the Recorder has stood as true as steel for the principles of our faith. And no man can be a well-rounded Baptist without taking his denominational paper.

Respectfully submitted, REECE M. HAIGLER.

W. M. Green, special agent for the Recorder, was introduced and spoke on the report. After some remarks by M. D. L. Preslar, R. H. James and F. B. Hamrick the report was adopted.

The moderator appointed the following as a committee on finance: C. E. Rushing, U. G. Pope and J. L. Benton.

Committee on Hospitality made their report.

On motion the W. M. S. was allowed to have their minutes printed in the back of the minutes of the Association.

F. S. Conrad made a statement about his work.

A. Marsh was appointed to conduct the morning worship. Adjourned to meet at 9:30 Thursday morning.

Thursday morning at 10 o'clock the Association was called to order. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

F. P. Hobgood, of Oxford, and C. H. Durham, of Lumberton, were recognized.

The report on Foreign Missions was then read.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Foreign Mission Board reports great success on the foreign mission fields. The only exception is Mexico where the unsettled condition has hindered the work. In Brazil and China the success of the work is great, and the opportunities marvelous. In Italy and Japan the outlook is brightening. Also in Argintena and Africa the work is gratifying. From all around the world encouragement rings out—GO FORWARD. The Foreign Mission Board in its report to the Convention, speaks of what foreign missions have done for us. Says it has caused us to look after education here in our home land. That we might train our people for greater usefulness, and that we might be awakened to the world-wide responsibilities to glorify God. Let us here make a brief comparison with our work as reported twenty years ago and this year. Only a native physician on the foreign field. Now we have thirteen medical missionaries, seven hospitals reporting 65,333 people treated. Then we had 16 schools with 598 scholars. This year they report 266 schools

and 7,481 scholars. These include ten theological seminaries with 222 students and eight women's training schools with 191 scholars. In 1893 we had no publishing house. Now we have publishing plants and book houses turning out millions of pages of tracts and Bibles. Then we had 177 missionaries and native workers on the field. Now we have 849. That year there were reported 383 baptisms and a total membership of the fields of 2,923. This year 4,532 baptisms and a membership of 27,545. That year the missionaries report $5,368.42 as contributed on the foreign fields. This year the missionaries report $89,483.70. All this shows we have left the day of small things and reaching for greater. God has blessed us wonderfully. In 1873 the Convention's contributions reached $50,000. In 1890 $100,000. In 1893 we went beyond $200,000. In 1907 we went beyond $400,000. In 1912 beyond $580,000. In the meantime great advances were made on the foreign field—$900,000 equipments on our different foreign stations. This consisted of churches, schools, hospitals, publishing plants and homes for the missionaries. During last year seventeen new missionaries were sent out and eight others are under appointment. This makes a total missionary force of 285, who are assisted by 596 native helpers. The number of baptisms for this year is 4,532, the largest in mission history. The Southern Baptist Convention has asked the churches for $646,500 for foreign missions. It will take all this to meet the great demands. Twelve hundred dollars is asked of the Union Association. Let us all rally to the help of the Lord in this great work.

Respectfully submitted, J. L. BENNETT.

The report was read by J. L. Bennett, and after remarks by the writer, C. H. Durham, B. Craig and F. P. Hobgood, the roll of churches was called, pledges taken (see table) and report adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The first child was received into the Orphanage November 11, 1885. Since that time 1,420 children have been enrolled, and the present number is 411. The average cost for each child is about $100 a year. Children are received between the ages of five and twelve years and dismissed according to preparation rather than age. The children attend school half the time and work the other half. The sewing room keeps about 40 girls in the morning and a like number in the afternoon. The dining room and kitchen are managed by two ladies and about 45 girls. About 40 girls work in the laundry, 20 in the morning and 20 in the afternoon. The boys work in the shops and on the farm and do things in general

half the time and attend school the rest of the time.

The school work is on the graded system and embraces nine grades. There are twenty-eight women and seven men who devote their entire time to the institution; these must be competent to train children, and to secure such we must be willing o pay them well for their services.

Now the Orphanage has received three gifts this year which will approximate fifty or sixty thousand dollars; but these gifts do not feed and clothe the children—they only lengthen our cords and we must strengthen our stakes. The demand will grow on us year by year and we must meet the call of our God; for He said through St. James that pure religion and undefiled before God was to visit the fatherless and the widow in their affliction and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Now let me put that into old common-sense English. Pure religion and undefiled before God is this: to help the fatherless and the widow in their need and keep yourself pure from the selfishness of the world.

Now, brethren, there are numbers of children in North Carolina that need to go to the Orphanage, and I hope to see the time when every Baptist in this State will give to the Orphanage.

R. H. JAMES.

R. H. James read the report and after remarks by the writer and F. P. Hobgood the roll of churches was called and pledges taken (see table) and report adopted.

The moderator announced the following committees:

Time, Place and Preacher for next session—J. G. Gulledge, B. L. Goodwin and J. R. Eason.

Obituaries—S. N. Watson, J. F. Gordon, J. C. Morgan.

On motion of R. H. James a cash collection was taken for Orphanage amounting to $22.25.

F. P. Hobgood made an announcement about his school at Oxford, N. C.

C. E. Lineberry, of Raleigh, was recognized.

Adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

E. C. Snyder, the missionary of the Union Association, made his report, which was adopted. During the year we have received 22 by baptism and 13 by letter at West Monroe. The debt has been reduced to $165.50 and one hundred dollars of this amount has been provided for. At North Monroe we have baptized 3 and received 12 by letter.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Board of Missions and Sunday Schools is composed

of eighty members from the State at large and one representative from each of the sixty-four Associations.

To these brethren is committed the important and difficult task of appropriating the funds contributed for State Missions. The Board holds two regular meetings during the year, one just before the Convention to adopt a report to be submitted to the Convention and the other soon after the Convention appropriate the money given for State Missions to the various fields.

THE FIELD.

For the sake of convenience we divide the field into the West, East and Central sections of the State.

In the West development is our task. We are appropriating to that territory this year $6,470 and for church building $1,500, making a total for the West of $7,970. But this part of our State is being rapidly developed, and our appropriations will have to be increased.

The Central section gets this year $19,528, but this is entirely too small and must be increased or our work will suffer.

In the East is to be found real mission work. We are appropriating to the East , including church building, $20,210. The call for help is greater in the East than ever before, and the Board could easily use to advantage every dollar of State Mission money, received by them, in this territory.

ENLISTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT.

I clip the following from the report of Secretary Johnson to the Baptist Convention.

"The weakest point in our financial system as a denomination, is our failure to enlist a large proportion of our people. We have 233,805 Baptists in the State, and from the most accurate data obtainable not more than 60,000 of these contribute anything to missions, leaving more than 173,000 unreached and unenlisted. We have been fairly successful in carrying out the first part of the commission, we have been making diciples and baptizing them; but we have fallen fearfully short of our duty in teaching or training. Our country churches, as a whole, are far behind the town churches in their contributions. There are notable exceptions, but this is the rule. This is due, no doubt, in large measure, to the infrequency of preaching services in our country churches. There are 1,990 churches in the State. Of these, only 107 have preaching every Sunday, and only 331 have preaching twice a month, leaving 1,750 with once-a-month preaching. We believe that conditions could be greatly improved in the country if the churches would group themselves into fields and locate pastors in their midst. It would not be long, under such an arrangement, before once-a-month churches

would have preaching twice a month, and many others which have preaching twice a month, would support a pastor for all the time.

"A better financial system is sadly needed in most of our churches. The Board has been urging this for several years, and while we are gratified to know that some churches have adopted a system which is working well, the progress has been slow.

"The Home Mission Board has established a new department for enlistment and development. They propose to carry on this work in cooperation with the State Board in those States which are willing to enter into such cooperation. We believe the time is ripe for such a movement, and that without it, or something of its kind, our State will lag behind in the coming years. The plan of cooperation, while not fully matured, will be somewhat as follows: Several Associations, from four to ten, according to the size, will form a group, or district. A man will be employed as a sort of general utility man or pastor's helper. His work will be to hold institutes, visit churches, suggest some good financial plan and urge it introduction. He will also use his best efforts to induce the churche to form compact fields, locate pastors upon them, and give them salaries sufficient for a comfortable living."

Brother C. A. Upchurch has been employed by the Board to do this work.

A GLANCE AT THE FIELD.

We had last year 150 missionaries, these preached at 335 churches and out-stations. The missionaries preached 10,153 sermons, held 231 meetings and baptized 1,607 people. They reported 2,627 professions of faith, 20 houses of worship being built and 12 houses finished.

As State Missions develop there is a corresponding development all along the line of denominational activity. As a proof of this let us look at the following figures:

In 1902, we gave for State Missions $23,672.35 and to Foreigh Missions $11,752.65.

In 1912 we gave to State Missions $47,931.91 and to Foreign Missions $44,536.75.

In supporting State Missions we are reaching China through North Carolina.

The Lord has benn good to us and let us show our appreciation by larger contributions and more earnest efforts to extend His kingdom.

B. Craig read the report and after a speech by Livingstone Johnson, corresponding secretary of the Baptist State Convention, the roll of churches was then called, pledges taken (see table) and the report was adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

When we speak of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention we mean the organizations of the Woman's Missionary Union in all the Southern States, uniting one great body as they do every May at the same time and place of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union we have something like twelve hundred missionary societies. This includes the Sunbeams, the Royal Ambassadors and the Young Women's Auxiliary. In our own Association we have at present fifteen active societies. We as an organization are not trying to work independently of our brethren and the churches as some are inclined to think. But as all good women should we want to lend our assistance in sending the glad tidings of peace on earth, good will to men. We have no ambition to rule, talk, or preach in our churches as has sometimes been reported. If we as missionary women did not have an abiding conviction that we have our part to perform in carrying out our Saviour's last words on earth we would with pleasure stay in our own homes and turn our attention to something else in which there is not so much discouragement, so many obstacles to overcome, so many difficulties to surmount. The most of us cherish the last words of some loved one, with tears we tell it over and over again of how they said this or that. So the words of Christ from Mt. Olivet come ringing down to us through the centuries. He who has done so much to make woman what she is today, He who was always lovingly lenient, forgiving and compassionate. Oh! shall we then not do what we can to save some other woman from her life of sin, superstition and heathen darkness?

Knowing these things we feel that we cannot sit idle with folded hands doing nothing to bring about the reign of Christ in all the nations.

While the women of the Union Association have not done what they should, I want to give you some figures showing our progress since I became vice-president of the Union Association seven years ago:

	1906-07	1912-13
W. M. S. Marshville	$ 5.00	$ 93.56
W. M. S. Meadow Branch	3.45	115.00
W. M. S. Shiloh		30.85
W. M. S. Hopewell		21.10
W. M. S. Mill Creek		20.20
Y. W. A. Waxhaw		25.00

W. M. Societies, Monroe	273.00	681.90
Total	$281.45	$987.61

Total since 1906-07, $3,633.49.

Has not some one said, "Oh! what can these women and children do? Shall the women of the Union Association press forward to larger things or shall we be laggards in God's kingdom?

Pastors, preachers, laymen of the Union Association, we ask your encouragement, your sympathy, your support and your prayers.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. F. B. ASHCRAFT.

B. Craig read the report for Mrs. F. B. Ashcraft, by request L. Johnson spoke on the report, after which the report was adopted.

C. H. Durham was given an opportunity to present the claims of Wake Forest Church, before speaking, H. E. Copple read the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas the need of a house of worship at Wake Forest is so imperative for our young men in college there, whereas the Baptist State Convention took up this matter at Goldsboro last December and asked the Baptists of North Carolina to put $25,000 into this building and urged that work on it be begun at once, whereas work on it is progressing finely, and whereas there will be thousands of dollars of deterioration in the church building if not roofed in by winter; be it resolved by this Association:

1. That this Association undertake to raise for this worthy urgent object at least $400.00 within the next sixty days.

2. That a committee of three be appointed at once to suggest what part of this amount may be raised by each church in the Association and to make a report before this session of the Association adjourns.

3. That every pastor in the Asociation be requested to see that every member of every church he shepherds shall have a chance to help in the erection of this house of the Lord at Wake Forest College and to see that the name of the person, the church, the Association and the amount of the contribution is sent with each remittance to Pastor Walter N. Johnson, Wake Forest, N. C., for preservation in the Building.

According to the resolution the following committee was appointed to divide between the churches of the Association the $400.00 asked for: M. D. L. Preslar, H. E. Copple and B. Craig. (For the amounts see table of pledges.)

B. Craig offered the following resolution:

Whereas it has come to the knowledge of this body that there is confusion among some of our churches and brethren concerning the methods and doctrine of J. W. Little, and whereas we have information that J. W. Little has from time to time reflected on our brethren in the ministry, and that J. W. Little is very extravagant in his statements; be it resolved, that we, the Union Association, go on record that we do not approve of such methods.

After remarks by several of the brethren, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Treasurer F. B. Ashcraft made his report as follows:

AMOUNTS RECEIVED AND DISBURSED FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 7, 1913.

Collected for State Missions	$640.08	
Paid to State Missions		$640.08
Collected for Foreign Missions	722.52	
Paid to Foreign Missions		722.52
Collected for Home Missions	496.93	
Paid to Home Missions		496.93
Collected for Sunday School Missions	35.50	
Paid to Sunday School Missions		35.50
Collected for Ministerial Education	23.57	
Paid to Ministerial Education		23.57
Collected for Aged Ministers	98.06	
Paid to Aged Ministers		98.06
Collected for Orphanage	741.45	
Paid to Orphanage		7.41.45
Collected for Minutes	49.97	
Paid to Clerk		15.00
Paid for Minutes		33.00
Amount on hand	1.97	
Collected for Wake Forest Endowment	48.27	
Collected for Bible Fund	2.54	
Paid to Baptist S. S. Board		2.54
Collected for West Monroe Church	188.75	
Paid to West Monroe Church		188.75
Total amount collected	3,047.64	
Total amount paid out		2,997.40
Amount on hand	$ 50.24	

Respectfully, F. B. ASHCRAFT

The report was adopted.

The Finance Committee hade their report and settled with the treasurer.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher made the following report: Time, Wednesday after the 1st Sunday in October, 1914. Place, Monroe, N. C. Preacher, A. C. Davis; alternate A. Marsh.

J. A. Bivens was appointed to conduct morning worship.

The Association adjourned until Friday morning, 9:30.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10.

The Association was called to order by the moderator, minutes of yesterday read and approved.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

What has Home Missions done, and what is before us? The Home Mission Board began its work in 1855, when there were 7,325,000 people in the Suth, of whom 4,525,000 were whites and 2,800,000 negro slaves. It comes up to 1912 when there are about 31,000,000 people in the South, of whom approximately 21,500,000 are whites and 9,500,000 are negroes. In its beginning there were in this territory 350,000 Baptists, of whom 225,000 were whites and 125,000 negroes. At the present there are in this territory 2,500,000 white Baptists and 2,500,000 negro Baptists. The Baptists make up forty per cent of all the religious membership in the South.

The first sixty-six years of its career the Home Board expended in its work $5,700,000; its missionaries constituted 6,544 churches and baptized 246,736 converts—one convert to every $23.00.

Evangelism is the watchword of the times. In spirit and purpose evangelism lies at the base of Christian propagandism; in essence it is that propagandism, for it is the making known the good news through Jesus Christ; it is the initial in the conquest of the world for Christ. Conversion and then culture is the order. Soul-winning precedes soul-training, and that training is seriously defective that fails to stress the supreme importance of soul-winning. The mission, message and method of Jesus set forth in evangelism. To gospelize the world is the first business of His disciples and to evangelize is to gospelize.

The 30,000,000 or more foreigners in our land at present will be swollen to possibly 50,000,000 in the next ten or fiftenn years. We must take our stand at the immigrant pier and learn the meaning of that great multitude coming out of ships from all shores. T million each year. We must follow them to their destination in the cities and fields of the South with the message of Jesus Christ. This is their only hope and ours.

The territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the territory of the Home Board is co-extensive. It extends from Mary-

land to New Mexico and from Missouri to Florida. The shame of more than 11,000 churches that do nothing must be removed.

There are in the Union Association 37 churches. We gave last year to Home Missions $636.54—thirteen cents per member. Five churches did not give anything, eleven less than five dollars each. This Association fifteen years ago gave for Home Missions $150.87.

As the roots of the tree plunges into the earth, its body and limbs soar upward, as we are missionary at home, we will be missionary abroad. Strengthen the stakes and lengthen the cords. Let every church member take the Home Field.

Respectfully submitted, E. C. SNYDER.

E. C. Snyder read the report and spoke on the same. After remarks of W. B. Smith and A. C. Davis, the roll of churches was called, pledges taken (see table) and the report was adopted.

The report on Education was read by H. E. Copple and report on Wingate School by B. C. Ashcraft, as follows:

GENERAL EDUCATION.

The act of our Legislature looking to an annual six months term of our free public schools and requiring four months attendance by children from six to twelve years of age, should be very gratifiying to every North Carolinian.

We have better school houses, better equipment and better prepared teachers, as a whole, in our public schools than ever before. This is as it should be, and yet there is room for improvement along all lines.

It is the duty of every parent to see that his child receives the greatest possible good from these schools. And when the children are prepared to enter the higher schools we are happy to know that right here in Wingate we have

THE WINGATE SCHOOL,

one of the very best in the State in which our boys and girls can get most excellent training at a minimum cost.

Then to our boys and girls whose aspirations are strong enough

WAKE FOREST AND MEREDITH COLLEGES

stand with open doors and helping hand to every young man and every young woman whose heart yearns for the best preparation for life's work and service. These two colleges have advantages for our Baptist boys and girls unequalled by any other institutions in the State.

In addition to the most excellent liberal education offered by these two institutions Wake Forest has about ninety ministerial

students preparing to go forth all over our land and to the foreign fields to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And to the ministerial students who wish to further pursue their theological course the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., the largest Baptist theological seminary in the world beckons them to drink from its fountains.

So we now have institutions to meet our necessities and the responsibility of educating our people now rests upon you fathers and mothers.

We greatly rejoice at the forward strides Union County has made in the last few years along many lines and especially in the educational impetus

Fathers, mothers, if you expect your child to compete with your neighbor's child in the commercial and business world, you must educate your child. And if you hope for your sons and daughters to become most efficient in the service of State and Church you must at least give them an opportunity.

Boys and girls, young men and young women, the God who gave you a mind and body expects you to train that mind and body to give to Him the very best service possible for you to render.

Respectfully submitted, H. E. COPPLE.

The report was read by J. S. Simpson, and after remarks by the writer and E. W. Sikes, the roll of churches was called, pledges taken (see table) and the report was adopted.

THE WINGATE SCHOOL.

At the session of the Union Association, held in the Meadow Branch church in 1895, it was unanimously decided to establish an Associational school. Trustees were appointed and they, after mature deliberation, decided to establish the chool at this place. They secured land, a donation by Mr. G. M. Stewart, and erected a two-room building of wood. Later a larger building connected with the small building was erected. In 1911 the splendid brick building which you now see was built and since that time has been partially equipped. The building cost $12,776.73 and the new equipments $537.61. The total value of building and equipment is $16,000 and the 20 acres of land owned by the school is worth $4,000, making the entire plant worth $20,000.

Has the Wingate School paid? Was it the part of wisdom to establish the school and spend the money it has taken to build, equip and maintain it?

Eighteen years have passed since the motion was made on this floor to establish the school. It seems but yesterday since it was done and yet the children of the first students of the Wingate School

are now on its roll. During these eighteen years hundreds of young men and young women have been its students, the low cost of tuition and board enabling them to secure high school training, and from its walls many splendid young men and young women have gone out to fight the battles of life as they never could have done had it not been for the Wingate School. It has kindled the spark of ambition in the life of many a boy and girl as it never would have been kindled had it not been for this institution, and they have been sent out into a larger world than they would have known had it not been for this school.

The Wingate School has paid large dividends in developed manhood and womanhood.

Every year there is an improvement in the general success of the school. Those of us who know of the lives of many of the good students in this State and in South Carolina who have gone out from the Wingate School understand, in a measure, something of its service and its usefulness, but when you start a young man or a young woman on the right road, when you set a light aglow in a young mind, when you touch in the right way a young life, eighteen years is too short a time to put any estimate on the good done, for influences are not to be measured by years—they are eternal.

Yes, it has paid.

Is the Wingate School making good now?

The enrollment last year was 353 and 112 of these were boarding students. This year the enrollment, up to the present time, is 15 in excess of that of last year at this date. Last year there were six ministerial students. Sixteen counties were represented last year.

No school of like grade, in this State, it is the opinion of the writer, is better equipped in teaching force than is the Wingate School. Its corps of teachers consists of seven college trained men and women of splendid Christian character—teachers who have the interest of their students at heart—teachers who want the lives of their students made clean as well as their minds trained to do life's larger work. Your investment in the Wingate School is not being wasted.

Is the Wingate School paying now?

Even we who see Wingate frequently are astonished at its growth. These beautiful homes, these stores, this growing bank, these improved farms have not brought the Wingate School to this point, but the Wingate School has brought them here. When the motion to establish an Associational school was made you could have loaded every piece of merchandise in Wingate on a one-horse wagon and then have had plenty room for the driver. You could have bought land where is now the site of this thriving village for ten

dollars an acre and the seller would have boasted after the deed was signed that he got a big price for it. When the motion was made to establish a school in this Association Wingate was not on the map and the only good things here that the Wingate School has not been, either directly or indirectly responsible for bringing here, is the soil, the railroad and the climate, and it has been instrumental in greatly improving the conditions of the two first named assets. Leaving out the benefit it has been in giving the boys and girls of this and surrounding counties an education, leaving off the lives of men and women touched and bettered by it, the Wingate School has as a cold-blooded business proposition been the largest kind of a money-maker. The county in which it is located has been greatly benefited by it in a material way, to say nothing of its other and greater value.

And then, too, the splendid Christian charity of the Wingate School commends itself to all. It is a benefit not only to its friends but to its enemies as well. It holds out the hand of benefit and of blessing alike to friend and to foe. Not a man living within sound of its bell that has not had every foot of land he owns greatly increased in value because of the building of the Wingate School. Not a man in this whole community that has not reaped the material benefit from this school in that it has made his property more valuable and his surroundings better, and yet whether he reaches out his hand to caress or to knock it, the Wingate School is kind to him and increases the value of his property and without regard to his friendship or his enmity it blesses him. Its Christian charity is large to an immeasurable degree.

The Wingate School is in debt. The sum of $9,000 is still due on the building; the sum of $3,849.75 is secured by note and by subcription, leaving a balance of $5,150.25.

The Union Association has at its former sessions stood by the trustees of the Wingate School, has given them the encouragement of friendly words of commendation, and that is appreciated by those upon whose shoulders this debt rests heaviest, but it takes more than mere good words of cheer to pay debts. Here is the school. It shows for itself. The writer has tried to show something of its record. Shall the debt be paid? If an institution burdened by debt, as the Wingate School is, has done so much, should its hands not be untied and should it not be given a fighting chance free from debt?

We have asked no rich philanthropit to help pay this debt nor should we do so, for this property should be owned by the Association which founded it. It is worth saving.

B. C. ASHCRAFT.

The following brethren were elected delegates to the Baptist State Convention: J. G. Gulledge, A. Marsh and R. H. James.

A. C. Davis was elected as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and B. C. Ashcraft as alternate.

Moved we pay our delegate's way to the Southern Baptist Convention, carried.

A. C. Davis moved that we apportion the $4,000.00 due on Wingate School between the churches, carried. The following brethren were appointed to divide the $4,000.00 between the churches: A. C. Davis, B. A. Sustar and B. Craig.

B. C. Ashcraft offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

The hospitality of the people of Wingate and surrounding country is well known. The reputation of the people living in and around Wingate has risen to a higher degree. This Association has been given the very best entertainment. Not only have the creature comforts been looked after, but those who have opened their homes have given that higher form of hospitality, that of Christian fellowship to those who have been their guests. Denominational and other lines have been wiped out when it came to entertaining this Association and the people in this community have vied with each other in giving welcome to this body and it is hereby resolved that for all the kind and generous hospitality given this Association by the people of this community this body is profoundly grateful and will ever hold in fond remembrance the three days spent during the 59th annual session of the Union Association.

After speeches by H. E. Copple and B. C. Ashcraft, E. W. Sikes, of Wake Forest, was recognized and spoke on Education, after this the reports were adopted.

The moderator appointed the writer for next session (see front page.)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

B. Craig moved that the Executive Committee be instructed to spend as much of our State Mission money within our bounds as they deem wise.

On motion the following brethren were elected an Executive Committee for next year: G. M. Beasley, B. A. Sustar, H. B. Marsh, J. B. Mangum and F. B. Ashcraft.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, the Sunday school workers, what are we but the church at work? Our recruits come almost wholly from the training classes of the Sunday school. The Bible, the open Bible, the studied Bible,

the Bible in the heart is the only hope of our land to-day. Therefore, we are in need of teachers who are in possession of the following equipment: First, devotion to Christ; second, love for soul's; third, earnest work; fourth, concentration; fifth, importunate prayer; sixth, fitness; seventh, the Holy Spirit's influences.

The Sunday school work of the State is hopeful. There seems to be a steady, healthful growth. Since 1905 we have grown from 1,200 schools to 1,920 in 1912—a gain of 631, or 49 per cent in seven years. Schools are improving their organizations as well as enlarging their membership.

We find the following facts about the work in the Union Association: Out of 301 baptisms last year 204 were from the Sunday schools. Number of schools, 41. Membership 3,528. Gain in enrollment, 267.

As a policy for next year we would recommend the following:

1. A vigorous campaign to enlist more of our church members and others not reached for the Sunday school.

2. The organization of teacher training classes for officers and teachers.

3. More definite plans for making our schools evangelistic. These ought to become great soul-saving agencies. Every unsaved member of our classes ought to be brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

4. That our officers and teachers secure literature on the various phases of up-to-date Sunday school work.

5. That the recent leakage of boys and girls from sixteen upward due to powerful competition of other Sunday attractions be stopped by strong men and women between them and the door, suggesting the manliness of Bible study and a Christian life.

Respectfully submitted, J. S. SIMPSON.

Moved that the clerk be allowed the usual compensation, and that he have as many minutes printed and distributed as the money on hand will allow.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on obituaries beg leave to make the following report: Looking over the letters of the various churches, we find that the Lord in his divine Providence, has, since our last meeting, taken from us by death forty-six members.

Respectfully submitted, S. N. WATSON.

Moved that we adjourn to meet with the First Baptist Church of Monroe, Wednesday after the first Sunday in October, 1914, being October 7, 1914.

M. D. L. PRESLAR, Moderator.
BRAXTON CRAIG, Clerk.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

FINANCE.

Gains:	State Missions		$ 59.68
	Foreign Missions		201.84
	Sunday School Missions		10.17
	Orphanage		147.89
	Aged Ministers		17.31
	Other Convention Objects		329.23
Total			$766.12
Losses:	Home Missions	$22.67	
	Education	390.23	
		$412.90	
Net gain of			$354.22

Thirteen churches reported less than last year.

Twenty-one churches reported gain over last year.

Three churches failed to report.

Thirty-four churches reported this year for all objects, $14,661.28, a gain of $1,280. 68 over last year.

MEMBERSHIP.

Ten churches reported a loss in membership.

Three churches report same as last year.

Three churches failed to report.

Twenty-one churches report a gain in membership.

Received by baptism		283
Received by letter		196
Received by restoration		40
		519
Dismissed by letter	219	
Dismissed by exclusion	62	
Died	46	
	327	192

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Antioch—Curtis Green, Unionville, N. C.
Benton's Cross Roads—H. C. Simpson, Route 2, Monroe, N. C.
Bethel—J. C. Meigs, Marshville, N. C.
Corinth—J. B. Price, Monroe, N. C.
Deep Springs—Zeb Caudle, Peachland, N. C.
Ebenezer—G. W. Baucom, Route 6, Monroe, N. C.
Fairfield—E. M. Helms, Marshville, N. C.
Faulks—J. D. Webb, Route 2, Wingate, N. C.
Hamilton's Cross Roads—M. L. Sinclair, Marshville, N. C.
Hermon—J. E. Bigham, Waxhaw, N. C.
Hopewell—W. L. Biggers, Unionville, N. C.
King Street—J. R. Eason, Waxhaw, N. C.
Macedonia—A. L. Funderburk, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.
Marshville—W. G. McBride, Marshville, N. C.
Meadow Branch—R. Edgar Williams, Route 3, Monroe, N. C.
Mill Creek—T. A. J. Price, Wingate, N. C.
Monroe—H. E. Copple, Monroe, N. C.
Mount Harmony—B. A. Sustar, Matthews, N. C.
Mount Moriah—P. H. Mills, Route 3, Marshville, N. C.
Mount Olive—C. E. Rushing, Marshville, N. C.
Mount Pleasant—B. L. Goodwin, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.
Mountain Springs—A. D. Moore, Monroe, N. C.
New Hope—
New Salem—
North Monroe—Elijah Simpson, Monroe, N. C.
Oak Grove—C. B. Gordon, Monroe, N. C.
Olive Branch—E. H. Baucom, Marshville, N. C.
Philadelphia—M. L. Baker, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.
Pleasant Hill—B. M. Howard, Route 5, Marshville, N. C.
Roanoke—J. H. Price, Monroe, N. C.
Sandy Ridge—D. C. Montgomery, Route 9, Monroe, N. C.
Sardis—C. P. Helms, Route 6, Monroe, N. C.
Shiloh—A. B. Helms, Monroe, N. C.
Union—J. W. Snyder, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.
Union Grove—B. A. Hamilton, Marshville, N. C.
Waxhaw—F. L. Godfrey, Waxhaw, N. C.
West Monroe—J. T. Lowery, Monroe, N. C.

PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR.

	Amount Asked for Wake Forest Churc.	State and Associational Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Aged Ministers
Antioch	$ 2.00	$ 2.80	$ 2.80	$ 2.48	$	$ 2.80	$
Benton's	4.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	2.00	8.00	2.00
Bethel	8.00	15.00	10.00	15.00	1.00	15.00	3.00
Corinth	5.00	8.00	6.00	8.00	1.00	12.50	2.50
Deep Springs	3.00	5.00	6.00	6.00		10.00	2.00
Ebenezer	2.00	4.00	5.00	4.00	1.00	6.00	2.00
Fairfield	3.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		15.00	2.00
Faulks	7.00	12.00	10.00	10.00		20.00	5.00
Hamilton's	3.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	10.00	1.00
Hermon	3.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	1.00	5.00	2.00
Hopewell	7.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	1.00	12.00	3.00
King Street	12.00	22.50	5.00	10.00	2.00	20.00	5.00
Macedonia	5.00	10.00	7.50	10.00	1.00	10.00	2.00
Marshville	40.00	60.00	75.00	65.00	10.00	65.00	12.00
Meadow Br'ch	45.00	60.00	80.00	60.00	15.00	65.00	10.00
Mill Creek	7.00	13.00	16.00	13.00	2.00	13.00	5.00
Monroe	150.00	225.00	225.00	375.00	20.00	300.00	30.00
Mt. Harmony	30.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	1.00	50.00	5.00
Mount Moriah	3.00	4.00	4.00	4.00		3.00	
Mount Olive	4.00	7.50	5.00	10.00	2.00	10.00	3.00
Mt. Pleasant	3.00	6.00	6.00	10.00	2.00	10.00	3.00
Mtn. Springs	3.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		10.00	2.50
New Hope		2.00	1.00	1.00		1.50	.50
New Salem	2.00						
North Monroe	2.00	2.00	5.00	3.00	1.00	15.00	2.00
Oak Grove	3.00	4.00	5.00	10.00		10.00	4.00
Olive Branch	5.00	8.00	5.00	8.00	2.00	12.00	4.00
Philadelphia	6.00	10.00	10.00	12.00		25.00	5.00
Pleasant Hill	3.00	4.00	3.00	5.00		5.10	2.00
Roanoke	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.00		3.00	1.00
Sandy Ridge	2.00	3.50	4.00	5.00		8.00	2.00
Sardis	3.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		7.00	1.00
Shiloh	7.00	25.00	20.00	25.00	5.00	25.00	10.00
Union	9.00	21.40	25.05	19.55	1.40	33.75	3.00
Union Grove	3.00	7.00	5.00	4.36		5.00	2.00
Waxhaw	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		20.00	2.50
West Monroe	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	1.00	7.00	2.00
	$404.00	$633.70	$640.35	$742.39	$ 73.00	$749.55	$143.00

FINANCIAL TABLE

	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Other Objects	Total
Antioch	$ 69.00	$	$	$ 5.00	$	$ 1.10	$ 2.80	$ 2.80	$ 2.80	$	$ 2.80	$	$	$	$	$ 79.42
Bentons X R	100.00			4.00	8.60	.75	6.00	6.00	6.00	1.00	8.00	2.00		2.00	27.81	172.36
Bethel	140.00	161.30	18.00	17.00	6.38	1.55	15.00	10.00	18.30	2.00	14.00			3.00	28.00	434.18
Corinth	125.00	2.75	35.22	15.34	35.00	1.50	8.00	6.00	8.00		12.50			2.50	4.12	255.99
DeepSprings	100.00			6.00		1.35	5.00	6.00	6.00		8.35			2.35	17.00	151.90
Ebenezer	65.00	25.00	.70	7.41.		1.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	1.00	6.00			2.50	10.75	129.36
Fairfield	75.00	50.00	27.50	2.00	5.00	1.50	5.00	5.00	5.00		10.00			2.00	35.00	223.00
Faulks	175.00	146.13	13.13	15.55		2.60	12.16	6.00	12.00	2.00	20.00			4.09	29.18	437.79
Hamiltons	70.00	25.00		2.00	10.00	1.05	5.00	4.00	5.00		10.00					132.05
Hermon	100.00	50.00	1.00	4.00		.70	4.00	4.00	5.00	1.00	7.50			2.00	25.00	204.20
Hopewell	125.00	88.70	6.84	9.50		2.25	21.91	15.40	19.91	1.00	23.58			3.00	21.25	349.59
King Street	400.00		76.07	15.50		1.00	37.50	21.00	20.00	2.00	20.00	89.66	2.00	5.00	6.89	696.62
Macedonia	100.00		16.00	16.75		2.00	8.00	6.00	10.00		10.00			2.00		169.75
Marshville	500.00	19.00	115.00	45.00		4.00	69.05	82.31	81.92	5.00	82.50			12.00	13.70	1029.48
Meadow B.	500.00	110.40	79.53	50.92		4.00	55.95	66.95	104.34	23.07	66.13	84.00			33.00	1101.60
Mill Creek	150.00	5.00	5.41	4.93	5.00	2.85	13.26	12.16	13.07		12.00			3.02	40.46	268.08
Monroe	1700.00		409.00	169.95	30.00	4.00	340.55	209.25	533.30	20.00	339.26	278.00	8.07	30.00	283.00	4354.28
Mt.Harmony	200.00		29.18	14.68	10.00	1.40	42.00	40.00	40.00	1.00	60.00			5.00		443.26
Mt.Moriah	115.00					1.00	1.00	1.62	1.00		2.00					123.62
Mt.Olive	110.00		25.00	9.00		1.85	7.50	9.00	10.00	2.00	21.18			3.00		194.43

FINANCIAL TABLE—Continued

	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Other Objects	Total
Mt.Pleasant	75.00	9.01	5.00	6.50	9.00	1.75	4.50	3.00	5.00	1.00	18.00			2.00	31.25	171.00
Mtn. Sps.	121.60			7.50		1.30	4.05	3.75	5.30		10.00			2.50	28.20	184.25
New Hope																
New Salem																
N. Monroe	112.00		20.25	27.05	7.00	1.70	2.00	9.50	2.00		21.00			1.00		203.30
Oak Grove	100.00		3.50	5.00		1.50	10.65	5.00	10.00		12.00			3.00	21.21	172.90
Olive Br'ch	75.00		39.05	17.00		1.20	8.80	5.25	8.00	2.00	12.00			4.00		172.50
Philadelphia	170.00	181.65	30.75	7.00	10.00	2.50	10.00	10.00	10.00		15.00			5.00	34.45	477.35
Pleasant H.	100.00	100.00		46.25		1.10	4.00	3.00	5.00		5.00					264.35
Roanoke						.60	2.00	2.00	2.00		3.00				3.00	347.91
Sandy R.	100.00				4.50		3.50	3.10	3.00		5.50					120.10
Sardis	50.00		22.00	7.00		1.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		5.00			1.00		108.00
Shiloh	150.00		36.00	8.50		2.00	26.25	19.20	25.00	5.00	33.01	34.85		8.00		347.91
Union	125.00		19.81	10.30	5.00	1.50	21.40	21.05	19.55		33.75	2.50	1.40	4.70	20.00	286.05
Union Grove	125.00	200.00				1.10	4.00	5.00	4.36	1.00	5.00				21.45	270.16
Waxhaw	150.00	115.00	4.00	9.83			5.00	5.00	5.00		20.00			2.00	20.46	346.29
W. Monroe	350.00	168.00	41.95	62.28	12.90	2.00	5.00	4.24	4.25		5.00			3.00		658.68
	$6715.60	$1729.19	$1079.00	$626.79	$153.88	$ 56.70	$781.03	$ 615.49	$1019.70	$ 69.27	$949.06	$521.01	$ 15.47	$117.66	$755.18	$14746.60

CHURCH STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Seating Capacity	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
Antioch—R. M. Haigler, Wingate, N. C.	4th	$ 800.00	350				2	2	2	30	65	95
Benton's Cross Roads—A. Marsh, Marshville, N. C.	2nd	600.00	300	22	4	1	3	2	1	54	70	124
Bethel—M. D. L. Preslar, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.	4th	1000.00	350	2			10	2	1	43	38	81
Corinth—R. M. Haigler, Wingate, N. C.	3rd	700.00	300	10	1	6	8	9	2	56	82	138
Deep Springs—R. M. Haigler, Wingate, N. C.	2nd	500.00	500	18	3	4	1		2	47	70	117
Ebenezer—J. G. Gulledge, Route 4, Marshville, N. C.	1st	625.00	250	5	9	1	3	1	4	33	47	80
Fairfield—A. Marsh, Marshville, N. C.	3rd	475.00	350	7		1	5	1		38	57	89
Faulks—E. C. Snyder, Wingate, N. C.	1st	1000.00	450	12	15		7	1	1	73	126	199
Hamilton's Cross Roads—A. C. Davis, Marshville	1st	1000.00	400	6	2		4	2	1	30	44	74
Hermon—G. L. Merrell, Waxhaw, N. C.	3rd	400.00	300		5		3	1		42	45	87
Hopewell—M. D. L. Preslar, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.	1st	700.00	600		2		8	1	1	58	80	138
King Street—G. L. Merrell, Waxhaw, N. C.	1st, 2nd, 4th	1500.00	400	9	5		5		2	36	47	83
Macedonia—M. D. L. Preslar, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.	3rd	750.00	400	12	10	1	2			58	73	131
Marshville—S. N. Watson, Wingate, N. C.	1st 3rd	2000.00	500	2	15		16		1	102	149	251
Meadow Branch—S. N. Watson, Wingate	2nd, 4th	2000.00	600	3	19		8	4	5	140	196	336
Mill Creek—E. C. Snyder, Wingate, N. C.	3rd	1200.00	500	6	8	2	5	1	2	93	137	230
Monroe—Braxton Craig, Monroe, N. C.	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th	18000.00	600	7	26	1	20		6	154	228	382
Mount Harmony—E. C. Snyder, Wingate. N. C.	2nd	2000.00	700	15	6	2	26	2	1	110	108	218
Mount Moriah—J. L. Bennett, Wingate, N. C.	1st	1000.00	500	2			10	3	1	39	40	79
Mount Olive—Sam Long, Unionville, N. C.	3rd	1000.00	400	1	3		6		3	43	56	99
Mount Pleasant—J. A. Bivens, Wingate, N. C.	2nd	250.00	300	22	2	3	1			43	61	104

CHURCH STATISTICAL TABLE—Continued.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Seating Capacity	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
Mountain Springs—R. H. James, Marshville, N. C.	3rd	500.00	300	4			7	1	1	75	79	154
New Hope—												
New Salem—										31	31	62
North Monroe—E. C. Snyder, Wingate, N. C.	1st, 3rd, 4th	700.00	300	3	12	1	6	6	1	26	43	69
Oak Grove—E. C. Snyder, Wingate, N. C.	4th	700.00	400	6	1	1	1	1	1	38	51	89
Olive Branch—G. O. Wilhoit, Ansonville, N. C.	4th	1000.00	500	7	2	1	6	1		53	103	156
Philadelphia—R. H. James, Marshville, N. C.	4th	1000.00	600	22	3	1	7	4	3	90	104	194
Pleasant Hill—T. P. Little, Marshville, N. C.	1st	1000.00	500	13		3	3		1	44	83	127
Roanoke—A. Marsh, Marshville, N. C.	1st	500.00	300	2					1	21	35	36
Sandy Ridge—R. H. James, Marshville, N. C.	2nd	500.00	300	6	2	3	4	3		43	73	116
Sardis—E. C. Snyder, Wingate, N. C.	2nd	500.00	300	4	3	1	3	8		20	35	55
Shiloh—Braxton Craig, Monroe, N. C.	2nd, 4th	1500.00	300	9	9	1	4	2		84	117	201
Union—M. D. L. Preslar, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.	2nd	750.00	500	11	2	1	12			50	66	116
Union Grove—H. G. Bryant, Wake Forest, N. C.	4th	1000.00	400	9	10		1		1	42	52	94
Waxhaw—G. L. Merrell, Waxhaw, N. C.	2nd	1200.00	600	6	4	3	12	2	1	79	51	130
West Monroe—E. C. Snyder, Wingate, N. C.	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th	1500.00	250	22	13	2	10	5	1	31	92	123
		$49350.00	----	285	196	40	209	59	47	2070	2842	4877

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUPERINTENDENT AND POSTOFFICE	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total Enrollment	Number of Schools	No. of Church Members in School	No. of Organized Adult Classes	Months Kept Open	Average Attendance	Number of Baptisms	Contributions for Missions, Orphanage, etc.	School Expenses	Total Contributions
Anioch—J. C. Purser, Unionville, N C.	7	55	62	1	10	2	12	25		$ 1.44	$ 5.00	$ 6.44
Benton's Cross Roads—D. A Simpson, R. 2, Monroe	5	50	55	1	24	1	11	30	20		4.00	4.00
Behel—F. A. Marsh, Marshville, N. C.	8	65	73	1	32	3	12	43		34.75	17.00	51.75
Corinth—W. A. Griffin, Route 5, Monroe, N. C.	7	119	126	1		2	12	80	9	5.12	10.22	15.34
Deep Springs—D. Davis, Peachland, N. C.	6	44	50	1	15	2	12	40	10		6.00	6.00
Ebenezer—J. E. Rowell, R. 1, Indian Trail, N. C.	6	30	36	1	9		12	17	3	3.00	4.41	4.41
Fairfield—W. H. Braswell, Monroe, N. C.	5	40	45	1				25				
Faulks—W. M. Haney, Route 1, Wingate, N. C.	11	145	156	2		2	12	103	10	2.00	15.50	17.50
Hamilton's Cross Roads—M. L. Sinclair, Marshville	4	26	30	1	15	1	6	20	5		2.00	2.00
Hermon—W. H. Helms, Waxhaw, N. C.	5	50	55	1	35	1	9	30				4.00
Hopewell—J. W. Connell, Unionville, N. C.	6	60	66	1	16		12	40		16.61	9.50	26.10
King Street—	7	50	57	1	42	2	12	30	4	2.00	15.50	17.50
Macedonia—N. A. Funderburk, Route 4, Monroe	8	100	108	1	30	5	12	40	7		16.75	16.75
Marshville—J. C. Morgan, Marshville, N. C.	11	169	180	1	90	4	12	110	2	48.42	45.00	93.42
Meadow Branch—J. W. Bivens, Wingate, N. C.	26	385	411	2		2	12	242	3	83.93	50.92	134.85
Mill Creek—J. M. Braswell, R. 2, Unionville, N. C.	7	43	50	1	25	3	11	25	1	.93	4.93	5.86
Monroe—F. B. Ashcraft, Monroe, N. C.	14	246	260	1	126	5	12	178	5	539.92	169.95	709.87
Mount Harmony—J. E. Sustar, Matthews, N. C.	8	100	108	1		4	12	63	9		14.68	14.68
Mount Moriah—P. H. Mills, Marshville, N. C	5	47	52	1	16		9	30	2		4.00	4.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—Continued.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUPERINTENDENT AND POSTOFFICE	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total Enrollment	Number of Schools	No. of Church Members in School	No. of Organized Adult Classes	Months Kept Open	Average Attendance	Number of Baptisms	Contributions for Missions, Orphanage, etc.	School Expenses	Total Contributions
Mount Olive—C. E. Rushing, Marshville, N. C.	7	80	87	1	25	2	8	58	1	11.18	9.00	20.18
Mount Pleasant—B. L. Goodwin, Route 1, Monroe	8	54	62	1	40		11	40	15	2.00	4.50	6.50
Mountain Springs—C. C. Parker, Monroe, N. C.	7	75	82	1	45	1	11	47	2		7.50	7.50
New Hope—No report												
New Salem—No report												
North Monroe—J. W. Privett, Monroe, N. C.	8	130	138	1	9		12	91	2	15.50	27.15	42.65
Oak Grove—Walter Underwood, Monroe, N. C.	6	60	56	1		2	9	35	5	15.00	5.00	20.00
Olive Branch—H. T. Gaddy, Marshville	6	72	78	1	23	2	12	50	3		17.00	17.00
Philadelphia—W. L. Thomas, R. 3, Marshville	6	70	76	1	50	1	9	58	11		7.00	7.00
Pleasant Hill—T. V. Smith, R. 5, Marshville, N. C.	8	60	68	1	26	1	12	85	7		46.25	46.25
Roanoke—No report												
Sandy Ridge—D. C. Montgomery, Route 1, Monroe	7	89	96	1		4	8	41		5.50	4.50	10.00
Sardis—H. T. Hays, Indian Trail, N. C.	7	50	57	1	25		12	40	4		7.00	7.00
Shiloh—J. T. Hamilton, Route 6, Monroe, N. C.	8	72	80	1	40		12	48	2	33.01	8.50	41.51
Union—B. F. Parker, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.	6	100	106	1	50		11	47	8	2.54	10.35	12.89
Union Grove—W. B. Holmes, Marshville, N. C.	7			1	20	3	11	45	7	1.00	11.40	12.40
Waxhaw—J. J. Godfrey, Waxhaw, N. C.	8	77	85	1			12	56	6			
West Monroe—J. H. Benton, Monroe, N. C.	9	100	109	1	35	2	12	90	19		62.28	62.28
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OTHER AGENCIES

(All money reported here is included in Table I.)

CHURCHES, PRESIDENT AND POSTOFFICE	Membership	Stae Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Other Objects	Total
Corinth, W. M. S—Mrs. T. J. McCorkle, Mineral Springs	16	$	$	$	$	$
Hopewell, W. M. S—Bedie Connell, Unionville	15	9.40	4.70	7.00		21.10
King Street, Y. W. A.—Mrs. G. L. Merrell, Waxhaw	7	9.00	11.00	5.00		25.00
Marshville, W. M. S.—Mrs Smith Medlin, Marshville	41	30.35	24.45	35.00	5.20	95.00
Marshville, Sunbeams—Miss Bernice Phifer, Marshville	25	2.40	4.51	2.35		9.26
Marshville, R. A.—Tom Smith, Marshville	15	2.75				2.75
Meadow Branch, W. M. S.—Mrs. S. N. Watson, Wingate	32	12.50	20.00	49.30	3.20	85.00
Meadow Branch, Y. W. T.—Sallie Griffin, Wingate	26			5.00		5.00
Meadow Branch, Sunbeams—May Perry, Wingate	61	2.80	10.00	12.20		25.00
Mill Creek, W. M. S.—Mrs. A. J. Braswell, Unionville	17	9.20		11.00		20.20
Monroe, W. M. S.—Mrs. D. A. Covington, Monroe	65	90.00	92.00	251.00	6.00	439.00
Monroe, Y W. A.—Miss Ona Long, Monroe	24	52.50	26.25	50.00	35.00	163.75
Monroe, Sunbeams—Miss Pauline Benton, Monroe	52	22.50	12.00	44.00		78.50
Monroe, R. A.—Thomas Craig, Monroe	28	25.81	5.00	24.25		55.06
Monroe, Ladies' Aid—Mrs. D. B. Snyder, Monroe	25				10.00	10.00
North Monroe, R. A.—James B. Parker	14		3.50		7.00	10.50
Shiloh, W. M. S.—Miss Mattie Polk, Monroe	18	10.00	10.00	10.00	.35	30.35
	481	$ 279.21	$ 223.41	$ 506.10	$ 67.25	$1075.97

MINUTES OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, 1913.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Union Baptist Association held its fourth annual meeting with the church at Mill Creek, Thursday, September 25, 1913.

At 10:30 a. m. the meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. F. B. Ashcraft.

Opening song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Devotional service conducted by Mrs. D. B. Snyder.

Address of welcome, Miss Willie Braswell.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The election of secretary was now in order. Mrs. Joel Griffin was re-elected.

The president stated that it had been suggested that the minutes of the W. M. U. be printed hereafter, and if satisfactory, to have them printed in the Associational minutes. Rev. Mr. Craig promptly replied that he would see that they were printed in the minutes of the Association.

Address by Rev. Braxton Craig, taken from Mark 12:43, And he called unto him his disciples and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you that this poor widow hath cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury.

Report of societies were called for: Shiloh, Hopewell, Mill Creek, Marshville. Marshville Sunbeams, Marshville Royal Ambassadors, Wingate, Wingate Sunbeams, Monroe, Monroe Y. W. A., Monroe Sunbeams, Monroe R. Am., Corinth, King Street, Waxhaw Y. W. A. These reports were read and showed that quite a number of the societies had reached their aim, some going beyond.

The following societies had no reports, and are at present inactive: Bethel, Macedonia, Mountain Springs, Mt. Harmony, Mt. Olive, Old Waxhaw, Antioch.

Song, "Stand up for Jesus." Prayer by Mrs. F. B. Ashcraft.

Address—Some of the Works of the W. M. U., by Mrs. F. B. Ashcraft.

Chain of prayer, led by Miss Hattie Belk and closed by Mrs. D. B. Snyder.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Committee on Place—Miss Mattie Polk, Chm.; Mrs. Jennie Tucker, Mrs. Nannie Biggers.

Committee on Resolutions—Miss Janie Bivens, Chm.; Mrs. Lindsay Helms, Mrs. Bedie Connell, Mrs. Baxter Williams.

Committee on Obituaries—Mrs. M. C. Long, Chm.; Miss Addie Baucom, Mrs. Stanley Polk.

Committee on Nominations—Mrs. Henry Austin, Chm.; Mrs. W. G. Long, Mrs. Dora Price.

The representatives from each society were requested to rise in order to see how many attended the meeting. Hopewell 4, Marshville 4, Wingate 19, Mill Creek 20, Monroe 13, Shiloh 6.

The Union was dismissed for dinner by Mrs Bedie Connell.

At 1:30 the afternoon program was taken up.

Miss Janie Bivens conducted the devotional service.

Song, "Take my life and let it be."

"Why have a Missionary Society," by Mrs. D. B. Snyder.

"How the Missionary Society has helped me." Discussion led by Miss Mattie Polk. Miss Janie Bivens, Mesdames M. C. Long, John Benton, Bedie Connell and quite a number of others.

"How to inchrease our gifts," by Mrs. S. N. Watson.

"Training our young people," Y. W. A.'s, Miss Ona Long.

The Sunbeams and Royal Ambassadors were not discussed, as Miss Lillie Outen and Mrs. H. B. Marsh were not present.

"How the Societies and individuals can aid the Associational president," by Mrs. Smith Medlin.

Report of Committees was called for:

Obituaries, by Miss Addie Baucom. No deaths in the Union during the year.

Place, by Miss Mattie Polk. Hopewell.

Resolutions, by Miss Janie Bivens. Thanking the good people of Mill Creek for the gracious hospitality and kindness shown to us during the day.

Nominations, by Mrs. Henry Austin, Mrs. F. B. Ashcraft, Pres., and Mrs. D. B. Snyder, V.-Pres.

Song, "In the sweet by and by."

The Union was dismissed by Mrs. A. W. Biggers.

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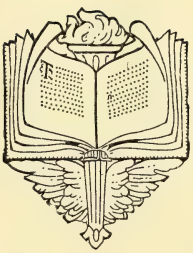

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LIST OF PREACHERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

D. M. Austin ..... Charlotte, N. C.
J. A. Bivens ..... Wingate, N. C.
D. A. Brown ..... Whites Store, N. C.
Braxton Craig ..... Monroe, N. C.
R. W. Cates ..... Pageland, S. C.
A. C. Davis ..... Route 2, Marshville, N. C.
J. G. Gulledge ..... Route 4, Marshville, N. C.
R. M. Haigler ..... Wingate, N. C.
K. W. Hogan ..... Waxhaw, N. C.
W. B. Holmes ..... Marshville, N. C.
T. P. Little ..... Route 1, Monroe, N. C.
A. Marsh ..... Marshville, N. C.
M. D. L. Preslar ..... Route 1, Monroe, N. C.
R. D. Redfern ..... Peachland, N. C.
E. C. Snyder ..... Wingate, N. C.
Lee McBride White ..... Monroe, N. C.
G. O. Willhoit ..... Ansonville, N. C.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Moderator—M. D. L. Preslar. Treasurer—F. B. Ashcraft.
Historian—J. W. Bivens. Clerk—Braxton Craig.
Vice-Moderator—A. Marsh.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

G. M. Beasley, H. B. Marsh, J. B. Mangum, B. A. Sustar, and F. B. Ashcraft.

TRUSTEES OF WINGATE SCHOOL.

J. W. Bivens, J. B. Mangum, J. F. Moore, F. M. Sutton, W. P. Griffin, J. E. Sustar, I. A. Clontz, J. C. Sikes, B. F. Parker, A. C. Davis, T. E. Williams, W. M. Perry, E. C. Snyder, W. A. Chaney, J. J. Perry, J. A. Bivens.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER FOR NEXT SESSION.

Time—Wednesday, 11 oclock, before the second Sunday in October, 1915.

Place—Hopewell Baptist Church.

Preacher—Lee McBride White. Alternate, K. W. Hogan.

WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

State Missions—E. C. Snyder.
Home Missions—K. W. Hogan.
Foreign Missions—Lee McBride White.
Orphanage—J. A. Bivens.
Education (General) —C. J. Black.
Wingate School—J. G. Carroll.
Recorder—B. C. Ashcraft.
Aged Ministers—H. E. Copple.
Woman's Work—Braxton Craig.
Temperance—D. M. Austin.
Sunday Schools—Walter Sanders.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Sixtieth Session of the Union Baptist Association met in the meeting house of the First Baptist Church of Monroe, N. C., October 7th, 1914. M. D. L. Preslar led in prayer, and after singing and a prayer led by Lee McBride White, A. C. Davis preached the introductory sermon. Text, Nehemiah iv., 19-6-20, "And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers and unto the rest of the people, 'The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another. In what place, therefore, ye year the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us; our God shall fight for us.'"

After the sermon the Association was led in prayer by D. M. Austin, and after the announcement of homes the Association adjourned until 2 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, October 7th, 914.

The Association was called to order by Moderator M. D. L. Preslar, and the roll of churches was called and the following messengers answered to their names:

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Antioch—A. F. Haigler and P. S. Hinson.
Benton's Cross Roads—Jonah Simpson and Frank Price.
Bethel—V. A. Ashcraft and B. A. Watkins.
Corinth—A. B. Shaw, R. W. Helms and S. M. Parker.
Deep Springs—Ray Parker and King Little.
Ebenezer—J. E. Rowell, D. L. Furr and Robert Benton.
Fairfield—E. M. Helms and F. B. Helms.
Faulks—Clyde Haney.
Hamilton's Cross Roads—Clingman Staton.
Hermon—R. W. Flow.
Hopewell—J. G. Connell and G. W. Long.
King Street—J. R. Eason and W. W. Black.
Macedonia—N. A. Funderburk and J. B. Mangum.
Marshville—W. G. McBride, M. A. Griffin and B. H. Griffin.
Meadow Branch—J. G. Carroll, W. E. L. Williams and W. J. Stewart.
Mill Creek—J. M. King, C. D. Benton and I. A. Clontz.
Monroe—D. B. Snyder, T. C. Lee and J. F. Benton.
Mount Harmony—J. L. Benton, J. C. Price and Robert Gibson.

Mount Moriah—P. H. Mills and L. B. Price.

Mount Olive—C. H. Rivers, E. F. Leonard and L. B. King.

Mount Pleasant—Ellis Godwin and J. C. Walden.

Mount Zion—Henry Belk, H. R. Melton and J. V. Ellis.

Mountain Springs—H. H. Moore and C. C. Parker.

New Hope—D. P. Hinson and M. V. B. Smith.

New Salem—F. P. Pressley and Bailey Helms.

North Monroe—D. Medlin, J. W. Privett and T. J. Lingle.

Oak Grove—J. T. Thomas, Jeff Underwood and M. L. Austin.

Olive Branch—J. G. Gulledge, G. W. Simpson and A. A. Gaddy.

Philadelphia—M. L. Baker, R. D. Smith and J. C. Preslar.

Pleasant Hill—J. M. Birmingham.

Roanoke—James Wallace.

Sandy Ridge—C. J. Richardson, D. C. Montgomery and Stafford Griffin.

Sardis—W. T. Hayes.

Shiloh—F. M. Sutton, A. B. Helms and G. S. Myers.

Union—H. M. Baucom.

Union Grove—T. C. Griffin and W. F. Griffin.

Waxhaw—L. M. Riner.

West Monroe—J. H. Thomas and Walter F. Benton.

Austin's Grove—L. T. Phifer, W. M. Austin and Z. T. Traywick.

All of the churches being represented by letter or Messenger, the Moderator declared that the body was ready for organization, and the Association proceeded to organize by electing the following officers:

Moderator—M. D. L. Preslar.

Vice-Moderator—A. Marsh.

Clerk—Braxton Craig.

Treasurer—F. B. Ashcraft.

Historian—J. W. Bivens.

The following order of business was adopted:

2:30 to 3, Report of Recorder. 3 to 3:30, Temperance. 3:30 to adjournment, Miscellaneous Business.

The following brethren were recognized: R. T. Vann, of Meredith; D. F. Helms, of Charlotte; W. M. Green, representing the Recorder, and A. Johnson, representing the Or-

phanage. New pastors were recognized: Lee McBride White, K. W. Hogan and W. B. Holmes.

The report on Recorder was called for and read by J. S. Simpson as follows:

REPORT ON RECORDER.

The Biblical Recorder has played an important part in the lives of those who have read it during its publication. There has been no growth, but the Recorder was its prophet; no new enterprise or institution, but the Recorder was the herald of its advance. It has been a supporter of every worthy cause. The Orphanage has found in it a true and helpful friend. To all our boards it has been a necessity. I believe that the Baptist denomination of North Carolina could not have attained its splendid position of strength and efficiency without the aid of the Biblical Recorder. The excellent spirit of harmony that prevails among our people is due largely, if not mainly, to the work of the Recorder.

There are vast throngs of people throughout the length and breadth of our country who are captured by numerous "isms" which are propagated through the land. The more illiterate are easily led astray by the loud pretentions of the various "holiness bands." Others are captured by the subtle teachings of Russell and his gang. Still others are caught by the semi-atheistic literature with which the Unitarians are flooding the land. Such conditions make an imperative demand for the largest possible circulation of the Biblical Recorder. The Recorder should stand at the door of this Association, not as a beggar seeking subscriptions, but as the voice of a great denomination calling us into a greater knowledge and a larger work.

Respectfully, J. S. SIMPSON.

The report was discussed by the writer and W. M. Green, and adopted.

Dr. J. H. Weaver, of the Methodist Church, was recognized.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The report on Temperance was called for and read by R. M. Haigler as follows:

Intemperance is the greatest curse to the human

race. Liquor poisons is victims with vice that eventually leads to crimes of the darkest hue. Every spceies of offense in the black catalogue of crime may be found in the grog shops. This evil is as widespread as the country. It is practiced from the lowest grogeries that curse communities up to the most fashionable hotel; from the tramp in his rags to the honorable members of Congress in his ruffles Friends may mourn and entreat, the wife in tears may beseech with all her eloquence, the children may cling around and cry for bread, but the drunkard, the victim, once in the fatal snare, is seldom aroused. He combines the deafness of the adder with the desperation of the maniac, and rushes on regardless of hell and the grave. Drink blots out all of the noble traits of the heart, and severs the sacred tie that binds man to man, to woman, to family, to community, to neighbor, to social order, and to country. It transforms men in to brutes, desperadoes and maniacs and strips human nature of all its native dignity. If you regard the salvation of your immortal soul, recoil from even the shadow reflected by this heinous, daring, heart-breaking, soul-destroying, ruinous vice.

Not only is the temperance question confined alone to the liquor traffic, for teachers throughout the country, recognize in the cigarette the schools' deadliest foe, and confess without reservation that they find it practically impossible to educate a cigarette smoking boy. On the whole, according to the writers, cigarettes hurts in some way every one who smoks them.

Another baleful effect of cigarette smoking, we are told, is that it leads more of our boys to the police and juvenile courts than all other habits combined. One city magistrate says that, out of three hundred boys brought before him charged with crime that 295 were cigarette smokers, and we are dismayed to find the habit on the increase as one may judge from the Government report which shows that in 1913, we consumed the amazing number of 14,530,486,200 cigarettes, an increase of 2,186,633,708. This means that we smoked 39,809,551 coffin nails each day. To this we may add the injurious and expensive habit of coca cola and other similar drinks, together with the abominable foolishness of the day. While we are making strenuous efforts to eliminate the liquor traffic, and our efforts have not been in vain we need to cry aloud and spare not on the other evils of the

day. For he that would strive for the mastery is temperate in all things. Preachers preach it, laymen practice it, and let us drive these evils from our land.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. HAIGLER.

The report was discussed by the writer, R. T. Vann, H. E. Copple, A. Johnson, Lee McBride White and R. H. James, and adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committeec:

Finance—T. C. Lee, C. H. Rivers, J. L. Benton.

Obituaries—J. G. Gulledge, J. R. Eason, S. M. Parker.

Time, Place and Preacher for Next Session—I. A. Clontz, N. A. Funderburk and M. L. Baker.

A motion was made that we call the roll of churches to decide where the Association shall meet next year, the motion was lost.

Moved that the following order of business be adopted:

Wednesday, 8 P. M., Orphanage; Thursday, 9:30 to 10 A. M., Prayer and Praise; 10 to 10:45 A. M., General Education; 10:45 to Adjournment, State Missions, Report of Missionary and Report of Executive Committee.

Thursday P. M., 2 to 3, Foreign Missions; 3 to Adjournment, Wingate School; 7:30, Prayer and Praise; 8 to Adjournment, Home Missions.

Friday A. M., 9:30 to 10:00, Prayer and praise; 10:00 to 10:30, Miscellaneous Business; 10:30 to 11:30, Sunday Schools; 11:30 to 12:00, Woman's Work; 12:00 to 12:30, Aged Ministers; 12:30 P. M. to adjournment, Miscellaneous Business.

The moderator appointed A. C. Davis, R. H. James and A. Marsh as a committee to examine the new Churches applying for membership in this body. Adjourned until 7:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 7, 1914.

After devotional services the Association was called to order by the moderator. R. D. Cross, of Matthews, was recognized.

The report on the Orphanage was called for and read by R. H. James, as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage is no longer in swaddling clothes, nor can it

stitutions of the State. Its current fund amounted to forty-two thousand dollars for the past year. It is not a petitioner on anybody's bounty, but a favorite child of a rich and powerful denomination. That it one side, there is another.

The income has not grown to its outgo. It takes money and a great deal of it to run this institution, but our people have stood by it nobly, and it has done more to soften our hearts and unite us in a great cause than any other part of our work. But after all of this the treasurer has had a hard time to make the income meet the outgo. We should never pay interest, for that is lost. The children need all and more, too. If every Baptist church in the State would take a collection on or near Thanksgiving Day we would have a-plenty of money to run the Orphanage without having to borrow a dollar. Each member of Every Baptist church should give at least one day's wages on each Thanksgiving Day or some other day in each year.

Now, brethren, it costs us a great deal more to let a child go to the bad than it does to feed, train and clothe it. That is the financial view, and the Church and State would be much better both morally and religiously if the child is trained.

Respectfully submitted, R. H. JAMES.

The report was discussed by the writer and A. Johnson, and the roll of churches was called and pledges taken (see table), and the report was adopted. A cash collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $14.14. Association adjourned until Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8, 1914.

After devotional exercises the Association was called to order by the moderator, at 10 o'clock. Minutes of yesterday read and approved, after which C. J. Black, the new pastor of Meadow Branch, was recognized. E. W. Sikes, of Wake Forest, and T. B. Phillips, of Charlotte, were recognized.

The committee on new churches reported as follows: "We, your committee who were appointed to examine the churches applying for membership into our body, find them orthodox in doctrine and practice; and we recommend their reception. The churches are Mt. Zion and Austin's Grove." The report was adopted.

The report on General Elucation was called for, and in the absence of any report, R. T. Vann was invited to address

the body. After the address a collection for the department of Domestic Science of Meredith College was taken, amounting to $15.60.

The report on State Missions was called for and read by K. W. Hogan, for J. W. Bivens, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

A great deal of work has been done in this State through the agency of State Missions. There are in the State two thousand Baptist churches and at least half of them have been organized by Missionaries of the Board. Churches established or aided by the Board are efficient in their manner of work. A definite sum must be paid for the support of the pastor, and collections taken regularly for the obects of the Convention and full reports sent in.

State Missions underlies all our mission work. It is the "beginning at Jerusalem." We are called on to invest a small sum in some mission church; this church aided for only a few years by the Mission Board begins to place large contributions in the Lord's treasury.

It is like an endowment fund and no other investment has paid such dividends into our denominational work. A large proportion of our contributions to-day come from churches that were planted and fostered by our State Mission Board.

As communities come together in the development of their social and financial interests and towns spring up churches must be built or our work in North Carolina will suffer. Many a community has been transformed and hundreds of souls brought to Christ by the timely organization of a church and the preaching of a missionary.

In fact the most beautiful feature of the work is our one hundred and fifty missionaries faithful men scattered throughout the State and striving to lead souls to Christ. Not until accounts are all in and the books of Heaven are opened can this work be fully estimated.

May not all the churches of this Association enlarge their contributions to State Missions. And we recommend that every Sunday School take at least one collection in October or November of each year for this object. Respectfully submitted

J. W. BIVENS.

After an address by J. D. Moore, B. Y. P. U. Secretary, and some remarks by B. Craig, the roll of the churches was called and pledges taken (see table), and the report was adopted.

J. D. Moore, B. Y. P. U. Secretary, and S. F. Conrad, of Charlote, were recognized. The Asociation adjourned until 2 P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order by Vice-Moderator Marsh. The report on Foreign Missions was called for and read by A. C. Davis, as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board is located at Richmond, Virginia, and is composed of nineteen local members and eighteen members at large representing each State in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention. The Board conducts work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Japan, China and Africa. In these countries we have 380 churches with 833 outstations, 30,000 church members and 542 Sunday Schools with 22,000 scholars enrolled. We have also 9,376 students in mission schools, 420 of whom are in the theological seminaries and training schools seeking specific preparation for Christian work.

The present force of workers embraces just 300, of which number 20 are under appointment, but have not yet sailed for their respective fields of labor. In addition to these home-sent missionaries we have on the combined fields 635 native workers.

The work prospers on nearly all the fields; 5,252 converts were baptized last year, the largest number ever reported for a single year. Conditions at this hour give promise of still more abundant fruits, if we take advantage of the opportunities opening to us everywhere.

But our success and our opportunities have laid responsibilities upon us and make insistent demands of us which we cannot ignore without turning much of our success into failure, and throwing away our God-given opportunitiy for still larger achievements. Multitudes have been ready for the Word of Life; thousands are awaiting training in the Christian life and for Christian service; our schools are overflowing; a score of consecrated young men and women are offering themselves to the Board for the needed work; and untouched fields invite us to harvest. Need and opportunity never combined in such a challenge to Southern Baptists. Nothing less than immediate and immense enlargement can answer this challenge, and set us in a place of great honor, usefulness, and advantage for our gospel.

Shall we prove ourselves worthy of so signal a favor as God is ready to bestow upon us? We are sufficient in numbers capable in talents and leadership and able in material resources. We can meet the challenge of a great opportunity if we will.

Gifts to the work advanced $44,000 last year over the previous year But one-half of our people had no part in this advance, and consequently had no part in the blessed results accomplished, and will have no part in the glorious rewards to be bestowed.

Our task for the present year includes (1) The completion of the Judson Fund; (2) The enlistment of more than one-half of our church members who have not yet given anything for foreign missions; (3) The development of present givers into larger giving; (4) The inauguration in each church of a plan of systematic monthly giving and remitting for this cause, so that the work may be taken care of and debt and interest payments may be avoided. We commend these four objects to the thoughtful consideration of our pastors and churches.

In order to increase intelligence concerning this great work of the denomination, and to enable all our people to work together harmoniously toward the same end, we recommend and urge that the FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL be taken and read by every Baptist family within our bounds; and to secure so desirable an end, we suggest that each pastor in the Association appoint a Committee in each church of which he is pastor, to canvass the membership with this object in view. All our people ought to be well informed about a work so great as this of giving the gospel to the lost nations, and the JOURNAL is the publication which the denomination uses to give this information.

A. C. DAVIS, for Committee.

The report was discussed by A. C. Davis and Lee McBride White, and the roll of churches was called and pledges taken (see table) and the report was adopted.

The report on Wingate School was called for, and read by J. G. Carroll as follows:

REPORT ON WINGATE SCHOOL.

The Wingate School by nineteen years of solid work has made a place for itself not only in the Union and surrounding Associations but also in the State

The school has had a gradual growth and the prospects for the present year's work are exceedingly good. This session finds the school better equipped than ever before. The auditorium has been seated at a cost of five hundred dollars, this being raised by private

subscriptions, and minor improvements have been added to the different rooms.

With its corps of even college trained teachers The Wingate School is every year sending out boys and girls either to college or to do more efficient work in the vocations of life. Its former students bear testimony to the good this institution has accomplshed in the past and the wisdom of maintaining it. Practically every church in this Association has members who have been trained in its class rooms.

The financial condition of the school has changed very little since last year. A few indiviudals have made these denominational schools possible and today they are burdened with their support. Our Baptist leaders are the only ones who can give these institutions the right place in our work. If these schools live they must be placed out of debt.

The great purpose of the school is to gather boys and girls and mould them into christian citizens. Let us see to it that this institution is given the needed financial aid, our patronage and support for they have in the making our denominational leaders who shall be pillars in the church and State. If our young people are properly trained all features of our denominational work will be safe in their hands.

Respectfully submitted, J. G. CARROLL.

After an address by the writer, E. W. Sikes and R. T. Vann, the report was adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to nominate Trustees for Wingate School, A. C. Davis, W. G. Long and B. A. Sustar. The committee on Obituaries made the following report: We find from the letters from the churches that the Lord in His providence has removed from us by death since our last meeting thirty-seven members, included in this number is one of our beloved ministers, Rev. J. L. Bennett. The report was amended and B. C. Ashcraft was asked to write suitable resolutions on the death of Brother Bennett.

Attention was called to the fact that we did not have sufficient funds to have the minutes printed and distributed, and a collection amounting to $9.75 was taken in cash and pledges for this object.

Adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCT. 8, 1914.

After devotional services conducted by R. D. Cross, the

Association was called to order by the Moderator, and the report on Home Missions was called for, and read by Braxton Craig as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board is located at Atlanta, Ga., with John F. Purser, president, and B. D. Gray, corresponding secretary.

The very genius of the Home Mission Board consists in its fitness to enlighten, elicit, combine and direct our forces in our one sacred effort for the propagation of the gospel. Co-operation is the method of attaining our aim, namely, the moulding of our forces into a great compact, virile army for the conquest of our land and the world for Christ. This Home Mission agency is the point of union between our forces in the different States helping to fuse them into a distinct and mighty denominational agency. In every State we have co-operative work of one character or another with the State agencies.

OUR WORK OF LAST YEAR.

Most gratifying results have attended the labors of our missionaries among the foreigners, Indians and Negroes.

Our Evangelistic Department has had a most successful year. The outstanding feature of the work for the year possibly is the great campaign during the spring months in Louisana.

The Department of Enlistment, launched more than a year ago, has been helpful in the development of our unenlisted churches.

In the Highlands, our mountain schools have had a prosperous year. The number of schools is larger, the attendance of pupils greater, and the character of the work more satisfactory in every way.

We are training for work of the Kingdom, in their own home in the hills and elsewhere in our country, and in far distant heathen lands, a great company of splendid boys and girls.

In the Canal Zone our missionaries have been rewarded with the largest number of converts ever reported in a single year. The few hundred members contributed over $5,000 for their own work, sent $250 to Home Missions and contributed to Foreign Missions. With a capable force of Missionaries, and the proper equipment we shall not only be able to meet the needs on the Canal Zone, but from this great future of the world we can send the gospel to the ends of the earth.

FINANCES.

Again we make a plea for regular weekly or monthly offerings.

Of the $307,589.12 received for current expenses, $258,600.24 came in during April. During the last week of the Convention year the Board received $209,717.64 and $171,592.74 on the last day.

We must urge our churches to give more promptly and regularly.

SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S WORK.

Number of workers, 1,447; churches and stations supplied, 3,349; number of mountain schools, 32; number of students, 5,218; ministerial students, 78; Baptism, 30,861; received by letter, 25,886; churches constituted, 172; houses of worship built and improved, 378; Sunday schools organized, 758; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 110,612.

Although the Board reported a substantial increase in contributions over the previous year of $27,996.74 the operations were so enlarged in view of the numerous and urgent calls for help the Board was forced to report a debt of $6,249.38.

CONCLUSION.

I close with a quotation from Dr. Gray:

"Our day of destiny has come, the land is ours, if we will but take it. The future greatness and glory of the SOUTH is largely in the hands of Southern Baptists, and what we do in a decade will decide largely what we shall be for a century. Our supreme task is the enlistment of our forces and resources for this worthy undertaking."

After some remarks by the writer, A. C. Davis, R. D. Cross, E. C. Snyder and M. D. L. Preslar, the roll of churches was called and pledges taken (see table) and the report was adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to nominate the Executive Board: J. A. Bivens, K. W. Hogan and J. G. Carroll.

A. C. Davis made the report on the nomination of trustees of Wingate School as follows: Your committee nominates the following as Trustees of Wingate School: E. C. Snyder, J. C. Sikes, B. F. Parker, J. W. Bivins, W. A. Chaney, J. J. Perry and J. A. Bivens as honorary member.

Committee on time, place and preacher reported as follows:

Time—Wednesday after the first Sunday in October, it being October the 6th, 1915, and to continue to and through October 8, 1915; Place—Hopewell; and to preach the In-

troductory Sermon, Lee McBride White. Alternate, K. W. Hogan. The report was adopted.

After some remarks by K. W. Hogan and some announcements the Association adjourned until Friday morning, 9:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 9, 1914.

After devotional services the Association was called to order by the Moderator. K. W. Hogan offered the following resolution: Resolved that the Moderator be instructed to appoint a committee of three to report on the state of the churches at the annual meeting next of this body. The report to cover the financial and the spiritual standing of the several churches as correctly as said standing can be ascertained. Amended that all of the denominational items of our State Convention be placed on a comparison chart. Statistics are not to be put in the minutes. Carried. Committee to nominate the Executive Board made the following report: That we continue the old board. and the board is composed of the following brethren: G. M. Beasley, H. B. Marsh, J. B. Mangum, B. A. Sustar and F. B. Ashcraft.

Report on Sunday Schools was called for and read by F. B. Ashcraft as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Believing that the Sunday School is the best way in which to train our children and young people in the knowledge of God's work, we, therefore, recommend that we redouble our energies and be more diligent and persistent in our Sunday School activities. That we do not say to our young people, GO to Sunday School, but COME. For the Sunday School is a good training medium for the older ones as well. We would urge our teachers that they give more careful and prayerful thought to the study of and preparation of the lesson, so that they may be able to present it more attractively and intelligently.

We would call especial attention to the Superintendents of the schools that they stress the importance of the monthly offerings to the orphanage and thereby care for the fatherless ones and also cultivate in our children the beautiful grace of living.

"Not what we give, but what we share—
For the gift without the giver is bare—
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,
Himself, his hungering neighbor and me."

F. B. ASHCRAFT.

After remarks by the writer and E. W. Sikes, the roll of the churches was called, and pledges taken (see table) and the report was adopted. The report on Woman's Work was called for, and read by B. Craig for Mrs. D. B. Snyder as follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

All who are familiar with the record of Women's Work will admit that it is a glorious one. That God's blessings has rested upon it is evident by its remarkable growth. For years they have made steady progress. Each year they raise the figures a certain per cent over those of the previous year and begin in a systematic way to work up to these figures. The systematic way in which they plan their work is to be commended by all. Notwithstanding God's seal of approval rests upon this work, a good many seem to have doubts and fears; judging from the lack of interest and co-operation on the part of those in a position to stimulate and encourage the work, I am almost certain they have never given it much thought or they would have joined with them in some way to help the work in our Association. Whatever we do must be done with a view of bringing to pass that day when, the "Earth shall be full of knowledge of the Lord as the waters that cover the Sea." Is this not the key to Woman's Work?

Christ's first commission to the woman at the Sepulcher was "Go and Tell." The work of the Missionary Socities does not consist alone in gifts, but pause a moment and think of the struggling churches they have aided, of the boys and girls they have saved for service, of the training schools for girls and women where they may be prepared to do efficient work as Home and Foreign Missionaries; all this through their gifts and co-operation and last but not least, "Each breeze that sweeps the ocean brings tidings from afar" of the good that has been done and is still going on in foreign lands, eternity alone will reveal.

They seek to stimulate a broader religious development on the part of the women and girls; they train the children in Christian work and try to enlist all in their communities in active, personal work for the redemption of a lost world. Christ's last message was "Go and Teach."

In the words of another let me say, "If the world has a message today, it must tell it to a woman; for only women are listening. If any man has achieved greatness in any sphere of life, God first covenanted with a woman for his greatness, and that woman was his mother; and, perchance if later in life he is strengthened by another

influence, it comes from another man's sister, his wife. Christian women's first impulse has ever been to safeguard the home. In the march of centuries she is still true to her trust, for when she links her heart and brain to that of other women in organization that looks to the conservation of health, life and liberty, of the oppressed, she is safe guarding her own home and loved ones." Speed the day when Woman's unselfish love will girdle the globe.

Are you giving them your sympathy, your words of good cheer, your encouragement, your prayers? If not may God impress you to do so and now.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. D. B. SNYDER,

After remarks by B. Craig the report was adopted.

The report on Aged Ministers was read by B. C. Ashcraft as follows:

"Shall an aged and worn out minister of the gospel beg for bread." After remarks by the writer and A. C. Davis, the roll of the churches was called and pledges taken (see table) and the report was adopted. F. B. Ashcraft was elected to represent the Union Association at the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention, and B. C. Ashcraft was elected alternate, J. A. Bivens, A. Marsh and A. C. Davis were elected delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

The Moderator appointed writers for next session (see front page.) The Moderator appointed the following committee on the spiritual condition of the churches, K. W. Hogan, Lee McBride White and E. C. Snyder. The treasurer made the following report:

AMOUNTS COLLECTED AND DISBURSED FOR ASSOCIATION YEAR ENDING OCT. 6, 1914.

Collected for State Misisons	$583.07	
Paid to State Missions		$583.07
Collected for Home Missions	601.02	
Paid to Home Missions		601.02
Collected for Foreign Missions	695.51	
Paid to Foreign Missions		695.51
Collected for Sunday School Missions	63.00	
Paid to Sunday School Missions		63.00
Collected for Ministerial Education	10.00	
Paid to Ministerial Education		10.00
Collected for Aged Ministers	116.45	

Paid to Aged Ministers		116.45
Collected for Orphanage	644.98	
Paid to Orphanage		644.98
Collected for Minute Fund	56.80	
Paid to Clerk		15.00
Paid for Minutes		41.80
Collected for Meredith College	117.50	
Paid to Meredith College		117.50
Total	$2803.88	$2808.88

The finance committee made their report and turned all money over to the Treasurer. L. McBride White was elected as representative for Foreign Missions and E. C. Snyder was elected as representative of Home Missions for the Union Association.

A. C. Davis moved that the clerk be allowed the usual fee for his services. C. J. Black offered the following resolution: Resolved that we extend to this church and town our sincere thanks for the hospitable way in which they have entertained this session of the Union Asociation. Adopted.

F. B. Ashcraft stated that this Association owed Wake Forest $27, and A. C. Davis was asked to notify the churches and ask them to raise this amount. Attention was called to the fact that this Association had not raised the amount due on the Wake Forest Church.

C. J. Black made a statement concerning his paper, the Baptist Messenger. After the reading of the minutes the Association adjourned to meet with the Hopewell Church Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1915, being the sixth day of October, 1915.

M. D. L. PRESLAR, Moderator.
BRAXTON CRAIG, Clerk.

PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR

CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanaga	Aged Ministers
Antioch	$ 3.00	$ 2.80	$ 2.00	$ 1.00	$ 3.50	$
Benton's Cross Roads	6.00	7.00	7.00	2.00	8.00	2.00
Bethel	12.50	10.00	12.00	2.00	15.00	2.50
Corinth	8.00	8.00	6.00	1.00	12.50	2.50
Deep Springs	5.00	6.00	6.00		10.00	2.00
Ebenezer	.5.00	5.00	4.00	1.00	6.00	2.00
Fairfield	5.00	5.00	5.00		10.00	2.00
Faulks	12.50	10.00	10.00		20.00	5.00
Hamilton's Cross Roads	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	8.50	1.00
Hermon	2.50	4.00	2.00	1.00	4.00	2.00
Hopewell	16.00	16.00	18.00	1.00	15.00	4.00
King Street	22.50	5.00	10.00	2.00	20.00	5.00
Macedonia	10.00	10.00	10.00	1.00	10.00	2.00
Marshville	70.00	70.00	60.00	10.00	65.00	12.00
Meadow Branch	60.00	80.00	100.00	15.00	65.00	10.00
Mill Creek	13.00	16.00	13.00	3.00	15.00	5.00
Monroe	225.00	225.00	400.00	20.00	300.00	20.00
Mt. Harmony	20.00	20.00	20.00	1.00	30.00	5.00
Mt. Moriah	3.00	4.00	4.00		3.00	
Mt. Olive	7.50	5.00	10.00	2.00	12.00	2.00
Mt. Pleasant	6.00	6.00	10.00	2.00	10.00	3.00
Mt. Zion	2.00	2.00	1.00			1.00
Mountain Springs	5.00	5.00	5.00		10.00	2.50
New Hope	2.00	1.00	1.00		1.50	.50
New Salem	2.00	2.00	3.00		6.00	
North Monroe	2.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	15.00	2.00
Oak Grove	2.00	3.00	4.00		1.00	2.00
Olive Branch	8.00	8.00	10.00	2.00	15.00	4.00
Philadelphia	10.00	10.00	10.00		30.00	5.00
Pleasant Hill	5.00	3.00	5.00		7.50	7.00
Roanoke	2.00	2.00	3.00		3.00	1.00
Sandy Ridge	5.00	4.00	4.00		10.00	2.00
Sardis	5.00	5.00	2.00		5.00	1.00
Shiloh	20.00	20.00	20.00	5.00	25.00	5.00
Union	22.15	20.00	18.00	1.50	41.00	12.62
Union Grove	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	8.00	2.00
Waxhaw	5.00	5.00	5.00		15.00	2.50
West Monroe	5.00	6.00	6.00	1.00	10.00	2.00
Austin Grove	2.00	3.00	3.00			2.00
Total	$626.65	$628.80	$821.00	$ 77.50	$853.50	$136.12

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. JOSEPH L. BENNETT.

This Association would take more than passing notice of the falling from the ranks of one of its faithful ministers, Rev. Joseph L. Bennett. B. C. Ashcraft is appointed to prepare a paper on the life and character of our departed brother, and he submits the following:

For many years the face of Rev. J. L. Bennett has been a familiar one at the meetings of this Association, and he has ever taken an active interest in the deliberations of this body. He is with us no more. He has fallen at his post of duty. He died on February 6, 1914. He was stricken with appoplexy while conducting the funeral service at the graveside of his friend, Esq. A. J. Brooks, in the cemetery at Marshville, and he lived but a few hours afterward. He was 68 years old and had been for forty-four years engaged in the gospel ministry. The keynote of his character was zeal. He loved his work. He was a pioneer and went where churches had not been established, preached at residences, under brush arbors, in school houses, or under the open sky; established churches, and was ever active in his chosen work. He was a friend of education and was at the time of his death chairman of the board of trustees of The Wingate School.

During his long ministry Mr. Bennett held pastorates throughout the bounds of this Association and in surrounding territory. He lived all his life within the bounds of this Association. The Union Baptist Association desires to dedicate a page of its minutes to the memory of this active, worthy and beloved brother, and wishes to express to the widow and the children of our departed brother the deep regret that he no more takes part in the annual meetings of this body.

TABLE II.—FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses.	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions
Antioch	$ 75.00	$	$	$ 5.00	$	$ 1.30	$ 2.80
Benton's X Rds.	100.00	1.30		5.00		1.00	6.00
Bethel	150.00	10.00		38.48		1.00	13.00
Corinth	125.00		12.00	9.85		.80	8.00
Deep Springs	100.00		15.75	7.00		.80	5.00
Ebenezer	100.00					1.30	7.06
Fairfield	75.00		26.50	3.00		1.50	5.00
Faulks	125.00		5.97	15.00	8.27	1.50	12.00
Hamilton X Rds.	70.00		6.00	5.00	10.00	1.00	5.00
Hermon	100.00			3.25		.75	3.00
Hopewell	225.00			17.40		2.25	24.60
King Street	300.00		65.75	28.99		1.00	22.50
Macedonia	75.00		13.90	16.00		1.50	10.00
Marshville	500.00	2.50	180.79	35.00		4.00	86.20
Meadow Branch	300.00	5.95		43.68		4.00	60.00
Mill Creek	150.00	48.68		3.99		1.55	20.30
Monroe	981.25		581.05	93.88		3.00	199.90
Mount Harmony	200.00		60.15	17.50		1.10	40.00
Mount Moriah	125.00		2.00	16.00			1.00
Mount Olive	112.00		32.40	9.60		1.75	7.50
Mount Pleasant	75.00	3.25	.35	5.00		1.50	6.00
Mount Zion	50.00	400.00	11.25	5.85		.70	2.35
Mtn. Springs	114.25			9.54			5.00
New Hope			5.90			.80	2.00
New Salem	50.00	250.50	25.25	8.00	1.00	.70	
North Monroe	100.00	55.00	43.84	20.10			10.00
Oak Grove	100.00	60.00		4.00	13.05	1.35	4.00
Olive Branch	75.00		7.60	10.00		1.20	8.00
Philadelphia	140.00	167.00	17.00	7.00	24.00	2.00	10.00
Pleasant Hill	100.00	100.00		64.19		.50	
Roanoke	20.00	75.00				.50	5.05
Sandy Ridge	100.00			4.00		.40	3.50
Sardis						1.50	2.00
Shiloh	150.00	7.50	34.75	8.15		1.75	35.80
Union	163.90	156.25	3.71	12.25	15.00	1.70	22.15
Union Grove	100.00		10.00	14.50		1.25	5.00
Waxhaw	200.00		77.35	17.91	25.00	1.50	
West Monroe	200.00	113.24		54.33	13.51	.75	5.00
Austin's Grove						1.00	
Total	5726.40	1456.17	1239.26	637.44	109.83	50.20	662.71

TABLE II.—FINANCIAL—Continued.

Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Colleges and Schools	Other Objects	Total
$ 2.80	$ 2.80	$	$ 5.21	$	$	$	$	$ 94.91
7.00	7.00	2.00	8.00		2.28			139.58
8.00	12.00	1.00	13.00		2.00		49.00	297.48
6.00	8.00		12.50		2.50			184.65
6.00	6.00		12.00		2.00			147.55
5.70	6.50	1.00	6.00		2.65		9.40	139.61
5.00	5.00		10.00		2.00			133.00
10.00	10.00		23.54		5.00		55.85	282.13
4.00	5.00		8.50		1.00		12.65	128.15
3.00	3.00	1.00	4.00		2.00			120.00
28.39	28.78		23.11		3.03	35.70		381.26
5.00	10.00	2.00	20.00		5.00			460.24
7.50	10.00	1.00	10.00		2.00	5.00		141.90
75.00	83.50	10.00	65.00	1.00	12.50		51.05	1106.54
80.00	60.00	15.00	93.66		10.00		42.36	714.64
20.00	15.66	2.00	14.00		5.00		37.14	318.29
205.80	246.40	20.00	335.10	10.00	12.15	124.35	16.00	2828.88
40.00	40.00	1.00	50.00		5.00			454.75
1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00		1.00			149.00
5.00	10.00	2.00	10.00		1.75			192.00
10.00	14.00	2.00	10.00		4.45	25.00	13.00	169.55
			2.41					472.56
5.00	5.00		10.00		2.50		12.80	164.09
1.00	1.00		1.50		.50			12.70
.75	.75		2.00					338.95
5.00	10.00	1.00	31.40		2.00		34.39	312.73
5.00	10.00		10.00		4.00		5.00	216.40
8.00	10.00	4.00	16.00	2.00	4.10			145.90
10.00	12.00		25.00		5.00			419.00
.56	1.00		3.06					269.31
2.25	5.00		3.00		1.00		10.00	121.30
4.00	5.00		8.00					124.90
3.00			5.00					11.50
20,50	39.56	5.00	25.00		10.00			338.01
22.16	19.00		41.00	.50	12.62		6.95	476.19
5.00	5.00		8.00		3.00		3.00	154.75
5.00	5.00		14.00				50.00	395.76
12.00	7.93	1.00	10.07		2.00			419.83
								1.00
649.41	719.88	72.00	951.06	13.50	129.83	188.05	408.59	13,014.33

TABLE III.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCH, SUPERINTENDENT AND POSTOFFICE	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in S.S.	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch—P. S. Hinson, Unionville, N. C.	1	6	37	43	25	10		$ 5.00	$	$ 2.41	$	$ 7.41
Benton' X Roads—D. A. Simpson, R. 2, Monroe	1	6	48	56	30	11	10	5.00				5.00
Bethel—L. A. Marsh, R. 1, Marshville, N. C.	1	8	50	58	30	12	1	38.48		7.99	20.00	56.47
Corinth—W. A. Griffin, Route 5, Monroe, N. C.	1	7	134	141		12	2	9.85				9.85
Deep Springs—L. B. Phifer, Peachland, N. C.	1	6	60	66	45	11	6	7.00				7.00
Ebenezer—J. E. Rowell, R. 1, Indian Trail, N.C.	1	5										
Fairfield—J. L. Williams, Marshville, N. C.	1	3	35	38	30	9	6	3.00				3.00
Faulks—W. M. Haney, Marshville, N. C.	1	12	145	157		11	18	15.00				15.00
Hamilton's X Roads—M. L. Sinclair, Marshville	1	6	40	46	25	9	7	5.00				5.00
Hermon—W. H. Helms, Waxhaw, N. C.	1	5	35	40		6	1	3.25				3.25
Hopewell—T. L. Price, Unionville, N. C.	1	8	65	73	30	12	8	17.40	1.00	.82	8.40	27.62
King Street—W. W. Black, Waxhaw, N. C.	1	7	44	51	22	12		28.99	1.06	3.49		33.54
Macedonia—S. W. Preslar, R. 1, Monroe, N. C.	1	6	65	71		12		16.00				16.00
Marshville—B. H. Griffin, Marshville, N. C.	1	11	116	127		12	20	35.00		20.00	20.00	75.00
Meadow Branch—J. W. Bivens, Wingate, N. C.	3	31	419	450		12		43.68	86.40	60.00		190.08
Mill Creek—T. F. James, R. 2, Unionville, N. C.	1	6	46	52	20	10		3.99	.66			4.65
Monroe—F. B. Ashcraft, Monroe, N. C.	1	14	231	245		12		93.88	110.00	230.09		433.97
Mount Harmony—J. E. Sustar, Matthews, N. C.	1	7	105	102	75	12	4	17.50				17.50

TABLE III.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Continued.

CHURCH, SUPERINTENDENT AND POSTOFFICE	No. Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in S. S.	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Mount Moriah—P. H. Mills, R. 3 Marshville, N. C.	1	8	79	87	40	12	6	16.00				16.00
Mount Olive—C. E. Rushing, Marshville, N. C.	1	7	41	48	25	12		9.60				9.60
Mount Pleasant—B. L. Goodwin, R. 1, Monroe	1	6	66	72	30	11		5.00	2.00			7.00
Mount Zion—Guss Eubanks, R. 5, Monroe, N. C.	1	5	35	40	20	12	7	5.85				5.85
Mountain Springs—C. C. Parker, R. 8, Monroe	1	7	93	100	39	12	2	9.54				9.54
New Hope—No report												
New Salem—B. B. Helms, Monroe, N. C.	1	8	40	48	20	10	6	8.00				8.00
North Monroe—J. W. Privett, Monroe, N. C.	1	8	134	142	20	12	10	20.10		5.00	34.39	59.49
Oak Grove—J. F. Gordon, Monroe, N. C.	1	6	50	56		9		4.00				4.00
Olive Branch—H. T. Gaddy, R. 2. Marshville,	1	6	86	92		12	4	10.00				10.00
Philadelphia—W. L. Thomas, R. 3. Marshville	1	6	65	71		8		7.00				7.00
Pleasant Hill—T. V. Smith, Marshville, N. C.	1	10	50	60	24	12	1	64.19				64.19
Roanoke—No report												
Sandy Ridge—J. H. Milton, R. 4, Monroe, N. C.	1	8	50	58				4.00				4.00
Sardis—J. F. Helms, Monroe, N. C.	1	6										
Shiloh—J. T. Hamilton, Route 6, Monroe, N. C.	1	9	43	52		12	5	8.15	5.00	19.03		32.18
Union—B. F. Parker, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.	1	8	75	83	50	11	6	12.25				12.25
Union Grove—W. F. Griffin, Marshville, N. C.	2	14			28	12	4	14.50		1.56		16.06
Waxhaw—L. M. Riner, Waxhaw, N. C.	1	10	105	115	47	12	8	17.91				17.91
West Monroe—J. H. Benton, Monroe, N. C.	1	9	110	119	45	12	2	54.33	5.00	5.00		64.33
Austin's Grove—No report												
	40	305	2794	3102	720		144	637.44	211.02	355.39	82.79	1286.64

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CHURCH, PASTOR AND P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	GAINS			LOSSES			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
			By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Antioch—A. C. Davis, Marshville, N. C.	2nd	$ 600.00		2		3		3	29	61	90
Benton's X Roads—A. Marsh, Marshville, N. C.	2nd	600.00	17	9	1	11		1	59	70	129
Bethel—D. A. Brown, White Store, N. C.	4th	1000.00	1	3		8	3	0	40	33	73
Corinth—R. M. Haigler, Wingate, N. C.	3rd	750.00	8	9	1	3	4	1	59	88	147
Deep Springs—R. M. Haigler, Wingate, N. C.	2nd	500.00	11	8		5	1	2	50	90	140
Ebenezer—M. D. L. Preslar, R. 1, Monroe, N. C.	4th	650 00	7	9	2	3	1		40	55	95
Fairfield—A. Marsh, Marshville, N. C.	3rd	550.00	8	2	1	7	2		39	51	90
Faulks—E. C. Snyder, Wingate, N. C.	1st	1000.00	18	22		11	3	2	87	138	225
Hamilton's X Roads—A. C. Davis Marshville, N. C	1st	800.00	10	1		4		1	35	45	80
Hermon—K. W. Hogan, Waxhaw, N. C.	3rd	400.00	1			8			40	40	80
Hopewell—M. D. L. Preslar, R. 1, Monroe, N. C.	1st and 3rd	1000.00	9	1	2	6	1	2	57	87	144
King Street—K. W. Hogan, Waxhaw, N. C.	2nd and 4th	1500.00	4	6		9			36	44	80
Macedonia—A. C. Davis, Marshville, N. C.	3rd	750.00			1	5	2		53	71	124
Marshville—D. M. Austin, Charlotte, N. C.	1st and 3rd	2000.00	21	5		44	23		89	119	208
Meadow—Branch—D. M. Austin, Charlotte, N. C.	2nd	1500.00				25	3	2	129	178	307
Mill Creek—E. C. Snyder, Wingate, N. C.	3rd	1200.00	12	12	1	11	6	1	90	149	239
Monroe—Lee McBride White, Monroe, N. C.	every	18000.00	1	14		14	2	3	154	227	381
Mount Harmony—E. C. Snyder, Wingate, N. C.	2nd	2000.00	6	6	1	17	8	1	98	107	205
Mount Moriah—R. W. Cates, Pageland, S. C.	1st	1000.00	8			8	2		45	28	73

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			By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Mount Olive—D. A. Brown, White Store, N. C.	3rd	1000.00	3	1		4	1	1	41	55	96
Mount Pleasant—J. A. Bivens, Wingate, N. C.	2nd	250.00	1	9		3	4		46	64	110
Mount Zion—R. M. Haigler, Wingate, N. C.	1st	400.00	10	12		1			9	28	37
Mountain Springs—R. H. James, Marshville, N. C	3rd	500.00	2	4	1	7	2	1	67	75	142
New Hope—J. G. Gulledge, Monroe, N. C.			6		1				4	21	25
New Salem—W. B. Holmes, Marshville, N. C.	3rd	700.00	25	13	1				34	42	76
North Monroe—E. C. Snyder, Wingate, N. C.	1st, 3rd and 4th	700.00	10	11		7	3		28	52	80
Oak Grove—E. C. Snyder, Wingate, N. C.	4th	800.00		1	1	2	5		34	50	84
Olive Branch—G. O. Wilhoit, Ansonville, N. C.	4th	1000.00	5	3		2	2	4	51	105	156
Philadelphia—R. H. James, Marshville, N. C.	4th	1000.00		6		4	2		91	102	193
Pleasant Hill—R. D. Redfearn, Peachland, N. C.	1st	1100.00				4		1	42	81	123
Roanoke—A. Marsh, Marshville, N. C.	1st	600.00				5	3	2	17	30	47
Sandy Ridge—R. H. James, Marshville, N. C.	2nd		12	8	6	11	1		46	84	130
Sardis—J. G. Gulledge, Route 4, Marshville, N. C.	3rd	500.00	1	2	1				22	37	59
Shiloh—E. C. Snyder, Wingate, N. C.	2nd and 4th	1160.00	5	5	2	7		1	72	116	188
Union—M. D. L. Preslar, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.	2nd	750.00	10	4		4	1		57	67	124
Union Grove—A. Marsh, Marshville, N. C.	4th	1000.00	34	25		38		1	57	58	115
Waxhaw—K. W. Hogan, Waxhaw, N. C.	2nd	1200.00	10	3	3	3	2	2	54	85	139
West Monroe—E. C. Snyder, Wingate, N. C.	every	10000.00	6	18		5	1	2	53	96	149
Austin's Grove—W. B. Holmes, Marshville, N. C.	2nd			48					17	31	48
		49460.00	294	282	26	309	88	34	2071	2960	5031

TABLE IV.—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION, AND PRESIDENT AND P. O.	Number of Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Training School	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Hopewell, W. M. S.—Mrs. Bedie Connell, Unionville, N. C.	20	$ 6.40	$ 5.15	$ 7.46	$	$	$ 19.01
Marshville, W. M. S.—Mrs. Smith Medlin, Marshville, N. C.	42	24.80	25.00	14.25	4.20	26.85	95.10
Marshville, Sunbeams—Mrs. G. M. Garrison, Marshville, N. C.							
Meadow Branch, W. M. S.—Mrs. J. G. Carroll, Wingate, N. C.	15			12.00			12.00
Mill Creek, W. M. S.—Mrs. Mamie Jordan, Unionville, N. C.	25	13.20	4.25	10.00			27.45
Monroe, W. M. S.—Mrs. D. A. Covington, Monroe, N. C.	74	128.00	106.00	151.00			385.10
Monroe, Y. W. A.—Miss Ona Long, Monroe, N. C.	22						
Monroe, Sunbeams—Miss Jennie Summerlin, Monroe, N. C.	38						
Monroe, R. A.—Miss Beulah Copple, Monroe, N. C.	22						
North Monroe, W. M. S.—Mrs. Rosie Medlin, Monroe, N. C.	12	5.00		5.00		5.00	15.00
Shiloh, W. M. S.—Miss Margarette Benton, Monroe, N. C.	19	10.00	5.75	16.46		2.60	34.81
West Monroe, W. M. S.—Mrs. J. F. Correll, Monroe, N. C.	20		12.00	6.00			18.00
	309	$187.40	$148.15	$222.27	$ 4.20	$ 34.45	$596.67

SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARIES AND P. O.

Antioch—Arthur Greene, Unionville, N. C.
Benton's X Roads—S. M. Benton, Route 2, Monroe, N. C.
Bethel—G. R. Watkins, Route 1, Marshville, N. C.
Corinth—R. W. Helms, Mineral Springs, N. C.
Deep Springs—Miss Letha Newton, Peachland, N. C.
Ebenezer—Frand Helms, Indian Trail, N. C.
Fairfield—J. L. Williams, Marshville, N. C.
Faulks—Ruby Gale, Route 2, Wingate, N. C.
Hamilton's X Roads—Bruner Staton, Marshville, N. C.
Hermon—
Hopewell—W. L. Biggers, Unionville, N. C.
King Street—L. W. Helms, Waxhaw, N. C.
Macedonia—John Medlin, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.
Marshville—Claude Griffin, Marshville, N. C.
Meadow Branch—J. J. Perry, Wingate, N. C.
Mill Creek—S. M. Williams, Unionville, N. C.
Monroe—C. H. Richardson, Monroe, N. C.
Mount Harmony—Jess Stillwell, Matthews, N. C.
Mount Moriah—Clyde Mills, Marshville, N. C.
Mount Olive—T. E. Collins, White Store, N. C.
Mount Pleasant—W. D. Davis, Route 8, Monroe, N. C.
Mount Zion—J. J. Montgomery, Route 5, Waxhaw, N. C.
Mountain Springs—Arthur Parker, R. 8, Monroe, N. C.
New Hope—
New Salem—O. R. Long, Monroe, N. C.
North Monroe—J. B. Gill, Monroe, N. C.
Oak Grove—Walter Underwood, Monroe, N. C.
Olive Branch—R. L. Smith, Route 2, Marshville, N. C.
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Pleasant Hill—Arrana Smith, Marshville, N. C.
Roanoke—
Sandy Ridge—J. R. Griffin, Route 9, Monroe, N. C.
Sardis—Ollie Honeycutt, Indian Trail, N. C.
Shiloh—J. S. Polk, Route 6, Monroe, N. C.
Union—H. V. Baucom, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.
Union Grove—J. T. Helms, Marshville, N. C.
Waxhaw—T. M. Crow, Waxhaw, N. C.
West Monroe—J. Walter Benton, Monroe, N. C.
Austin's Grove—

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King Street—J. R. Eason, Waxhaw, N. C.
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Pleasant Hill—B. M. Howard, Route 5, Marshville, N. C.
Roanoke—E. W. Price, Indian Trail, N. C.
Sandy Ridge—D. C. Montgomery, Route 9, Monroe, N. C.
Sardis—W. T. Hays, Stouts, N. C.
Shiloh—J. S. Polk, Route 6, Monroe, N. C.
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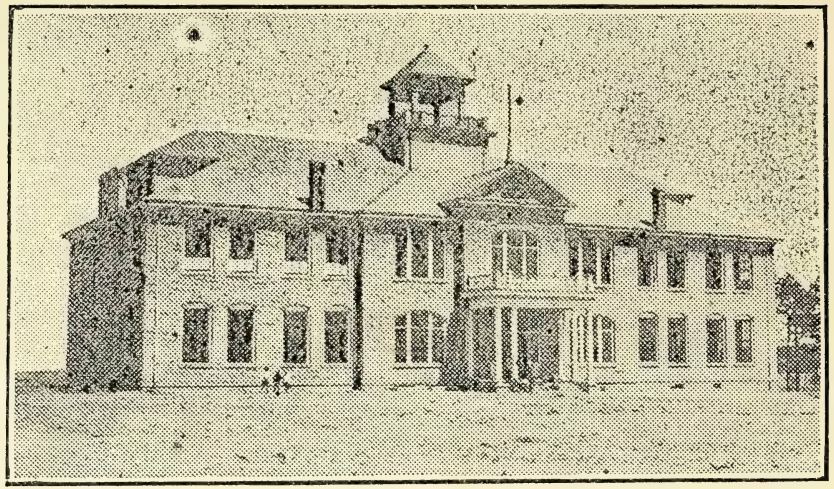

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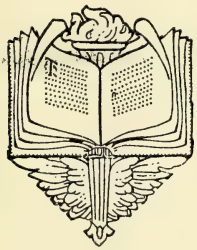

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TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER FOR NEXT SESSION.

Time—Wednesday, 11 o'clock, before the 2nd Sunday in October, it being October the 4th, 1916.

Place—Waxhaw Baptist Church.

Preacher—M. D. L. Preslar. Alternate, C. J. Black.

WRITERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

State Missions—A. C. Davis.
Home Missions—C. J. Black.
Foreign Missions—M. D. L. Preslar.
Orphanage—T. F. James.
Education (General)—H. E. Copple.
Wingate School—J. W. Bivens.
Recorder—L. M. White.
Aged Ministers—F. B. Ashcraft.
Woman's Work—Mrs. J. G. Carroll.
Temperance—Jonah Simpson.
Sunday Schools—T. L. Price.

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Sixty-First Annual Session of the Union Association met in the meeting house of the Hopewell Baptist Church, Wednesday, October 6th, 1915.

The introductory sermon was preached by Lee McBride White, of Monroe, N. C. Text, John xi:5 and 28, "Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus . . . And when she had so said, she went her way, and called her sister secretly saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee."

After the sermon the Association took a recess for one hour.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

In the absence of the moderator and vice-moderator, the clerk called the Association to order, and C. J. Black was elected temporary moderator. The roll of churches was called and the following messengers were enrolled:

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

Antioch—M. S. Baucom.
Austins Grove—G. W. Haigler.
Bentons Cross Roads—J. K. Trull, A. B. Helms, W. H. Presley, Bright Trull.
Bethel—H. F. Little, F. A. Marsh, Joseph Watkins.
Corinth—W. A. Griffin, J. S. Spettle.
Deep Springs—W. A. Caudle, W. B. Davis.
Ebenezer—J. E. Rowell, J. N. D. Price.
Fairfield—By letter.
Faulks—By letter.
Hamiltons Cross Roads—M. L. Sinclair, J. Baker Staton.
Hermon—James Helms.
Hopewell—J. L. Crowell, H. E. Pope, Carl Price.
King Street—Snyder Carter.
Macedonia—A. L. Adcock, J. B. Mangum.
Marshville—J. C. Morgan, W. H. Griffin.
Meadow Branch—W. M. Perry.
Mill Creek—J. B. Williams, C. J. Braswell, I. A. Clontz.
Monroe—H. E. Copple, J. C. Sikes, D. B. Snyder.
Mount Harmony—J. L. Benton, J. F. Moser.
Mount Moriah—P. H. Mills, D. Park Horn.

Mount Olive—C. H. Rivers.
Mount Pleasant—By letter.
Mount Zion—R. H. Melton, Roland Baker.
Mountain Springs—S. R. Presson, J. W. Williams.
New Hope—R. C. Long, V. A. Haigler, J. N. Rushing.
New Salem—J. M. Long, O. R. Long, Z. V. Secrest, Lawrence Long.
North Monroe—By letter.
Oak Grove—C. B. Gordon, S. D. Spettle.
Olive Branch—Carl Presson.
Philadelphia—B. R. Green, G. C. Smith, W. L. Thomas.
Pleasant Hill—J. T. Baucom.
Roanoke—A. M. Price, F. B. Price.
Sandy Ridge—E. L. Melton, B. F. Starnes, W. S. Brantley.
Sardis—Walter Presley, C. P. Polk, J. K. Polk.
Shiloh—W. J. Sutton, J. H. Rodgers, J. T. Hamilton.
Union—R. H. Brooks, J. L. Helms.
Union Grove—Spurgeon Deese.
Waxhaw—J. H. Godfrey.
West Monroe—By letter.

The clerk announced that all of the churches were represented by letter or messenger. The Association was then organized by electing the following officers: John C. Sikes, Moderator; E. C. Snyder, Vice-Moderator; Braxton Craig, Clerk; F. B. Ashcraft, Treasurer, and J. W. Bivens, Historian.

The following order of business was adopted:

Wednesday, 11 A. M., Sermon. 1:30 to 2:00 P. M., Organization and Miscellaneous Business. 2:00 to 2:45, Recorder. 2:45 to 3:15, Ministerial Relief. 3:15 to 4:00, Orphanage.

Thursday morning, 9:30 to 10:00, Devotional. 10:00 to 1:00 P. M., Foreign, State and Home missions. Afternoon Session, 2:00 to 4:00, Education. 4:00 to 4:30, Report on Digest of Church Letters.

Friday morning, 9:30 to 10:00, Devotional. 10:00 to 11:00, Woman's Work. 11:00 to 11:30, Temperance. 11:30 to 12:15, Sunday Schools. 12:15, to adjournment, Miscellaneous Business.

The moderator announced the following committee on Time, Place and Preacher for next session: I. A. Clontz, J. C. Morgan and K. W. Hogan.

The following brethren were recognized: S. F. Conrad, of Charlotte, and F. B. Hamrick of the Orphanage.

Finance committee was appointed as follows: T. L. Price, J. L. Benton and Snyder Carter. T. P. Little, C. J. Black and J. G. Gulledge were appointed on Obituaries.

Report on Recorder was called for. In the absence of the report the clerk was instructed to get the report from B. C. Ashcraft, and have the same incorporated in the minutes.

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B. C. ASHCRAFT.

After remarks on the Recorder by B. Craig, C. J. Black, K. W. Hogan and several others, the report on Ministerial Relief was called for and read by the clerk, for H. E. Copple, and was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

During the year our Ministerial Relief Board has assisted some 40 aged ministers as best it could with funds available, giving some greater amounts and others less, according to their needs. There are others whom we should help.

These brethren who are now old and feeble were the pioneers of our denomination a few years ago. Scores of churches throughout the State were organized by them and

thousands of souls saved through their ministration. They were faithful to their calling and gave their very lives, soul and body in response to Him who said "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and, lo, I am with you always even to the end of the world." This same Lord who told them to go also, taught us to love them and provide for their physical comforts till He shall call them to their reward. Shall we not be faithful to them as they have been faithful to us and their Lord?

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. COPPLE.

The report on Orphanage was called for and read by J. A. Bivens, and after remarks by the writer and F. B. Hamrick and a number of the brethren the report was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

If the writer is not mistaken, the first child was received at the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage November 11th, 1885. The Orphanage is a nursery where poor fatherless and motherless children are cared for, educated and trained for life's work. The burden of expense at the institution last year was the heaviest ever incurred, and in addition to this there was an increase of seventy-five in number of children cared for. This necessitated a debt upon the Orphanage, and let us not rest until every dollar of it is paid, and Charity and Children is read in every Baptist home in North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BIVENS.

After the adoption of the report a cash collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $15.19, and the roll of churches called and pledges taken for next year. (See pledges).

After the messengers and visitors had been given homes the Asociation adjourned until Thursday morning 9:30, and R. M. Haigler was appointed to conduct devotional services.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 7, 1915.

The Association was called to order by Vice-Moderator Snyder, and after prayer the roll of churches was called and

pledges taken for Ministerial Relief. (See pledges).

The report on Foreign Missions was read by L. M. White, and after remarks by the writer the roll of churches was called, and pledges taken (see pledges), and the report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Foreign Mission work is carried on because our Lord gave His church her marching orders: "Go ye . . . preach my gospel . . . baptize . . . make disciples of ALL nations."

All devoted and true Christians regard their Captain's commands and DO what He says do.

The challenge is supreme. All the doors of the world are open. The call of the nations is for the gospel of Christ.

This is no time for retrenchment.

The need of the world for the gospel of Christ is tremendous, since the petty, so-called principles of men have proved absolutely inadequate in the great crises of human progress. In the awful moment of world strife, men's circumscribed and selfish moral and ethical ideas of life and of eternity have been blown away in the whirlwind of their passions for world conquest and aggrandizement. Since this is absolutely, irrevocally true, all men, everywhere, are turning their eyes heavenward, "when cometh our strength," and are fixing their gaze on the Risen Christ. No one but the Christ will suffice them in the hour of their greatest need.

The Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Virginia, composed of eighteen local members and eighteen State members representing each State in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention, is conducting work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina,China, Japan and Africa. In these fields the missionaries reported last year 382 churches with 819 out-stations, 33,584 church members, 442 Sunday schools with 23,959 scholars and 8, 833 students in mission schools, 384 of whom are in theological seminaries and training schools preparing to preach the gospel to their own people. There are 300 missionaries on the fields, 20 of whom were sent out during the past year, and a total of 651 native workers. Notwithstanding difficult conditions on many of the fields caused by the European war and the injury to the work in Mexico from chaotic political con-

ditions in that country, 5,190 baptisms were reported during the year.

The distressing financial conditions throughout the South created by the war in Europe caused a falling off in contributions to foreign missions last year. Many of the churches made heroic and sacrificial efforts but some of them were not able to keep up their usual contributions. This will make it more difficult for us to maintain the work this year unless God's people meet the situation in a still more heroic spirit. The Convention in Houston asked for an apportionmest of $624,000 for foreign missions this year. Every dollar of it will be needed to carry on the work successfully. Our supreme task now should be the raising of the apportionment as a minimum in every Association and every State. We should not for a moment think of anything les and we must do more than this if possible.

We therefore recommend:

1. That we as an Association undertake to raise for foreign missions our full proportion of the above sum; that this amount be divided among the churches on an equitable basis; that we earnestly urge the churches to contribute the amount asked of them; that each church inaugurate a plan of systematic weekly or monthly giving and remitting for this cause so that the work may be taken care of and debt and interest payments may be avoided.

2. That each pastor in the Association appoint a committee in each church of which he is pastor to canvass the membership with a view of securing a subscription to the Foreign Mission Journal in every Baptist family within our bounds, so that our people may be more fully informed as to our world-wide work.

Respectfully submitted,

L. McB. WHITE

The report on State Missions was read by E. C. Snyder, and after remarks by the writer and a number of the brethren, the roll of churches was called and pledges taken (see pledges), and the report was adopted.

REPRT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In his last instructions to His disciples Christ said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, in Samaria and to the uttermost part of the earth."

This includes all departments of our mission work, State, Home and Foreign. North Carolina is our Judea and this

command of our Lord requires us to witness for Him here.

The figures for last year show 151 missionaries who preached at 379 points. They report 2,726 professions of faith, 2,469 baptisms, and 1,836 added by letter. The mission churches contributed last year $29,043.46. This did not include what they paid for the support of their pastors, or money spent for building houses of worship, but it is the amount raised for the objects of the Convention. In other words, the mission fields gave back to the denomination last year sixty per cent of all that the Paptists contributed to State Missions. If we add to these figures the amount the mission fields paid toward the support of their pastors and for building houses of worship, we shall have considerably more than the total amount spent in State Mission work last year.

Now as to the future: Our State is making marvelous progress in material things. The value of farm products has increased from $53,214,000 in 1900 to $200,533,640 in 1913. The value of farm property, including lands and buildings, more than doubled between the years 1900 and 1910.

There is a greater industrial awakening in North Carolina, perhaps, than in any other State in the South. North Carolina is at the very heart of the hydro-electric development in the State. The Piedmont section of the State is being rapidly transformed, and manufacturing industries are destined to multiply rapidly, as electric power becomes more plentiful. As to the future of North Carolina materially, it is hard to over paint the picture.

But what of the religious conditions of the State? We have a population now of, perhaps, 2,500,000. Of these 900,000 are members of some church, leaving 1,600,000 who are not professing Christians. Some of these, it is true, have not reached the years of accountability; but it is a conservative estimate to say that half of the adult population of the State are not professing Christians.

There are twenty counties in the East in which there is great destitution. In the State as a whole one white person out of every six is a member of the Baptist Church; while in the twenty counties to which reference has been made only one out of thirty-eight is a Baptist.

We must remember, also, that the stream of immigration flowing into the South, is destined to become larger each year, and North Carolina may expect its full share.

These two things, the rapid development of our State and increasing density of our population, call loudly for aggressive State Mission work. Because of our vast number we Baptists are more responsible for the future of our State religiously than any other denomination. Indeed, the responsibility upon us is almost as great as it is upon all other denominations combined.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SNYDER.

The moderator recognized James I. Kendrick, the representative of Wake Forest Church, who presented the claims of the church to the Association. C. J. Black moved that the Executive committee apportion the $600.00 asked for by the State Convention for Wake Forest Church among our churches, including that which has already been paid.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

To nominate trustees of Wingate School—C. J. Black, D. B. Snyder and C. H. Rivers.

To nominate Executive committee—L. M. White, W. M. Perry and M. S. Baucom.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The report on Home Missions was read by K. W. Hogan, and after remarks by the writer and A. C. Davis the roll of the churches was called and pledges taken (see pledges), and the report was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

When we think of the word mission we see with our mind's eye some one going out to labor either for himself or another. When we place a qualifying word such as home before missions it fills it full of inexplainable pathos. For since the days when John Howard Payne wrote those beautiful lines, "'Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam, be it ever so humble, there's no place like home," that word has been impregnated with peculiar charm and interest to human souls. At first we think of our home as within a given community, but as we grow older the thought expands somewhat, and we then think of our home county, and then our home State; but of Home Missions as reaching out into other States and beyond. This new meaning

given to the word home when attached to the word missions is in keeping with our Lord's answer to the young lawyer's question, "Who is my neighbor?" We do not simply become isterested in those next to our doors, but in all who may need our help. So Home Missions carries us beyond our State. We go into our sister States with the same zeal and affectionate interest that characterizes our movements at home.

A few years ago the Christian Advocate of New York City said: "The spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ, and the spirit of Christ is the incarnation of the Fatherhood of God." If that statement is to be accepted as true it means that the Fatherhood of God is incarnated in His children, "For," says Paul, "if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of Christ's." It means also that the Christian has the spirit of missions, for also the spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ. Notice again that the spirit of Missions is identical with the Fatherhood of God. To get the world of men and women to accept the Fatherhood of God through Jesus Christ His only Son is the chief concern of saved men and women. We always have a peculiar feeling for and an abiding interest in father. We, in a large measure, get our our conception of the word from our earthly father. The more we study God's relationship to us the more exalted our conception becomes. I repeat, to get the world to rightly understand and accept throug Jesus Christ the Fatherhood of God is our highest privilege and most exalted task.

One of the great channels through which the work mentioned above can be accomplished is the Home Mission Board. I believe this to be a divinely appointed channel. If so, along with the other avenues of approach to God, we should be found walking regularly therein. To do this we should give regularly and systematically.

Our Home Mission Board located in Atlanta is sending out teachers, evangelists and preachers the labors of whom are being abundantly blessed of the Lord.

Your committee invites you in his Master's name to give to Home Missions as the Lord prospers you. Let every member of every church give something regularly to this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,

K. W. HOGAN.

Treasurer Ashcraft made his report which was accepted.

C. J. Black read the report on Education and J. G. Carroll read the report on Wingate School. After remarks by J. G. Carroll, R. T. Vann, Educational Secretary, and C. J. Black the reports were adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Fifty years ago education meant a knowledge of books, but we are glad to say that things have greatly changed since then. Today education means training, efficiency, service, development of the latent powers of mind and body. Since this is true, does it not make our denominational schools important? The mind and body must not be educated to the exclusion of the soul. For us to teach the higher limits of education, we must train the entire being—we must train them for service in God's Kingdom. This makes our denominational schools an important factor in our denominational life. Our leaders recognized this fact, and at our Goldsboro Convention, wise resolutions were passed in reference to denominational schools. These resolutions were heartily endorsed, and the Convention set about to put these resolutions into effect, which resulted in the appointment of a Board of Education by our last Convention. This Board met in the early part of this year and appointed Dr. R. T. Vann secretary. With this equipment they went to work in dead earnest, with the idea of bringing secondary schools and colleges before the people in such a way that we may understand them better and support them more loyally.

With the appointment of this Board our educational enterprises all go on the budget system. The Board of Education at Wake Forest virtually dies ,and pledges are no longer to be taken for ministerial education, but education in general. Te amounts we now wish to raise go to the high institutions of training and to the secondary school nearest the Association thus contributing. No more important step has been taken by our Convention. Our schools and colleges are at the foundation of denominational life. We must support them or we cannot maintain our standing as a denomination, nor can we do what the world demands of us. Our churches are demanding trained men; different public interests are looking to Baptists to supply their needs. We cannot afford to put inefficient men in these places, and for us to do the best for the cause we must train them in schools

with a distinctive denominational standing. The State trains, but not for service in His Kingdom. The only safe thing for us to do is to bring our schools to the front and urge our people to patronize them to the fullest.

We are glad to report thirteen splendid secondary schools in the State together with four colleges. These enroll four thousand students annually, and the worth in equipment and endowment over $1,500,000. We are also pleased to say that our high schools are among the very best in the State, and in recognition of this fact many students from pedo-baptist families are enrolled in these every year. Besides these institutions in our State we own and control the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, also the W. M. U.'s Training School at the same place. These enroll about three hundred students annually, and are worth $1,670,000. With these splendid institutions to support, th new Board asks us to pledge three times as much to education this year as we did last, and also requests the pastors to take regular collections for this object.

Let us notice some of our present needs:

1. We need to pay all of the indebtedness on our schools.

2. We must have larger buildings and more of them. But few of our schools have sufficient dormitories.

3. We need to better equip them—fit them up a domestic science department, and add such fixtures as are necessary to do the very best work possible.

4. We need to increase our teaching force. We cannot expect the best results possible as long as our teachers have so many students to handle.

6. The last and one of the most important needs is the arousing of our people along educational lines so that we may increase the endowment of all our institutions, thus putting them on a firm basis for future operations.

We now desire to make a few recommendations:

1. We recommend that this Association raise $1,000.00 for the cause of education each year for three years.

2. We further recommend that this amount be apportioned among our churches by the Executive Committee of this Association

3. We further recommend that $800.00 of the above

amount be applied to the debt on The Wingate School and that $50.00 of the remaining $150.00 be divided among our higher institutions as the committee may think best.

C. J. BLACK.

REPORT ON THE WINGATE SCHOOL.

For two or three years the Baptist Secondary Schools of our State have been having a hard struggle, and some have been lost to Baptist control. Yet by creditable work they have made for themselves a vital place in our denominational life, and they are here to stand for Christian Education. They are indispensable in our religious work, because they furnish the students for our higher institutions. The indications are that these schools are coming into a larger field of usefulness.

The Wingate School stood among the first when the new State Board of Education was making its selections for the system of secondary schools. It comares favorably with schools of much better equipment and far greater financial aid. With a faculty of eight college trained teachers, we have enrolled 260 students this session. The graduating class last spring numbered eleven, and of that number nine are in college this fall. This year the graduating class numbers twenty-one. The music class has enrolled twenty-eight, and a business department with practically no cost to the school has been added with an enrollment of fourteen.

The school needs your prayers and loyal support, that it may become more efficient in training Baptist boys and girls.

Respectfully submitted, J. G. CARROLL.

The moderator announced writers for next session. (See front page).

The committee to nominate Executive committee made the following report: Executive committee for next year—J. C. Sikes, J. W. Bivens, J. E. Sustar, J. B. Mangum and D. B. Snyder.

Committe on Time, Place and Preacher reported as follows: Place, Waxhaw; Preacher, M. D. L. Preslar, with C. J. Black alternate; Time, Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, it being October 4th, 1916.

The Association adjourned until Friday morning, and J. G. Gulledge was appointed to conduct devotional services.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8, 1915.

The Association was called to order by vice-moderator Snyder, and the minutes read and approved.

Our beloved brother, J. A. Bivens, was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. A. C. Davis, C. J. Black and E. C. Snyder were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

The committee on Trustees of Wingate School reported no vacancies.

The report on Temperance was called for. In the absence of the report, K. W. Hogan was requested to prepare a report, and hand to the clerk. Remarks were made on the subject by K. W. Hogan and S. F. Conrad.

Report on Digest of Church Letters was called for and read by L. M. White as follows:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Twenty-eight churches report a net gain by letter and baptism and restoration.

This past year there have been 647 baptisms in the Association.

Seven churches report a net loss of 57.

Four churches report same as last year.

The report last year records last year a membership of 5,031.

Received by letter, 259; by restoration, 53.

The total number received this year by baptism, letter and restoration, 959.

This, in comparison with last year, shows a gain over last year of 383.

Losses by death, letter and exclusion this year number 413.

This leaves a net gain of 546 for this year 1915.

We gave for State Missions $56.63 less than last year; $117.46 less for Home Missions; $100.00 less for Sunday School Missions; $19.61 less for Ministerial Relief; $133.21 more for Foreign Missions; $163.23 more for Orphanage; $163.38 less for Colleges and Schools; $1.00 more for Ministerial Education; $50.64 less for Missions and Education than we did last year.

The revival meetings which were held during the year 1915 will be long remembered by all the churches in the Association. God graciously blessed every church in the

confines of our Association. The spiritual condition of practically all the churches is excellent, as evidenced by the number of baptisms in all the churches, excepting a few. But our purpose now should be to develop these we have in the Sunday school work, in chudch work, and in every phase of our Lord's work. Respectfull , y

L. McB. WHITE.
K. W. HOGAN.
E. C. SNYDER.

Report on Woman's Work was read by B. Craig, for the writer, Mrs. F. B. Ashcraft. After remarks by a number of the brethren, L. M. White made the following motion, which was passed unanimously:

Upon motion of L. M. White and seconded by C. J. Black, and upon roll call of the churches more than two-thirds of the churches of the Union Baptist Association having voted in favor of the same the following amendment was made to the Constitution governing the body:

That, on Thursday of each Association, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M. shall be given to the discussion of Woman's Work in this Association, and shall be in charge of the women of this Association. Also, that they be recognized on the floor of the Association during said hours.

The report on Woman's Work was adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

A Woman's Missionary Society should stand for and mean everything that pertains to the furthering of the work of the church and its pastor. They should be the strongest advocates and most loyal supporters of the Sunday school. They should teach there when needed, should use all their efforts to get others to attend the Sunday school and help in every way possible. They should be the most loyal supporters of the pastor in the prayer meetings—in fact, to be a true and well-rounded member of the Woman's Missionary Society, one must bear the Christ spirit, which is the foundation stone of the great missionary campaign. We, as members of the Woman's Misionary Society, should be the warm friends of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, State Missions, Sunday School, Orphanage, Christian Education, Associational Missions—well, everything for the up-building of the Lord's work is missions. We are not a

separate organization from the church, for no one but church members are expected to belong to a Woman's Missionary Society. Some one has said that the men are too busy to study missions. Well, I don't know about that, but the women do study missions—that is, some of them do. I doubt if the men are going to be excused for neglecting it. We are no more a separate organization than is the Sunday school. We go to Sunday school to learn God's word. We go to the Missionary Society to learn more of His great plan to save the world. Now, I have tried to show something of the attitude, the relationship that the Woman's Missionary Society has or ought to have to the church and the pastor.

Now, as to the relationship of the church and the pastor to the Woman's Missionary Society, there is a feeling, a belief that some of us cannot get rid of. It is this—we live by your permission. We take a fighting chance for the existence of our organization. Brethren, these things ought not to be. The church, the pastor who ridicules, who rebuffs, who discourages, who stands in the way of a handful of weak women, who have it in their hearts to be helpers in God's Kingdom, is as benighted as those of the Dark Ages. Our prayer for them should be, "Lord, forgive them, for they know not what they do." It is not enough that you do not approve us. There is a silence, an indifference that is deadly, damning to any good cause. You must be for us or you are against us. This law is as unchangeable as the laws of the Medes and Persians. Very few women have the courage to engage in Woman's Missionary Society activity against the criticisms of her sisters, her brethren and sometimes, sad to say, her pastor. Oh! it is a hard and rugged road to travel, an uphill business, without your co-operation. How much better work some of us could do with your sympathetic helpfulness, your encouraging words from the pulpit and in private. We crave your assistance, your words of commendation, your prayers.

MRS. F. B. ASHCRAFT.

K. W. Hogan asked that we raise the amount due by this Association to the Endowment of Wake Forest College, and $30.00, the amount due, was collected and turned over to the treasurer.

In the absence of the report on Sunday Schools the clerk requested that he be allowed to get the report from

Walter Sanders and have the same incorporated in the minutes. After remarks by a number of the brethren the roll of churches was called, and pledges taken. (See pledge).

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is now recognized practically everywhere as a legitimate, useful and permanent organization. The time was when the Sunday School had to fight for its existence, but to-day there is no opposition, but rather a cordial and hearty acceptance of its fundamental idea of gathering the people for a study of the Bible. It is no trifling matter that to-day we have Sunday Schools in reach of practically everybody. Everyone recognizes the value and propriety of the Sunday School as an agency. It is the best machinery we have to draw the people in town and country into church work. We could not propagate any agency at any cost, within a reasonable time, that would establish as many sources of influence and power as does the Sunday School.

In the rural community, the Sunday School holds more frequent sessions than any other established organization. The average country church holds services once a month, or twelve times a year. it is a poor Sunday School which does not meet with fair regularity through a period of forty weeks. The rural shcool has its term of only five months, so the Sunday School becomes in the average community the most permanent of all its social institutions so far as frequency of meetings is concerned.

Another great advantage of the Sunday school is the appeal it makes to the home talent, and to both young and old, men and women. It is not conducted by those from the outside, whether this be the pastor who may live elsewhere, or the school teacher who comes to stay but a short time. It is the property of those who live in the community. The modern Sunday School in its simplest form and organiation requires the initiative of the people.

Another advantage of the Sunday School is its appeal through the study of the Bible. Even the grown folks who do not themselves care about religion, are concerned that their children shall have some advantages, and shall not grow up ignorant of the Bible and its teachings.

In 1913, there were 1,934 Sunday Schools in North Carolina and in 1914, 2,052—a gain of 118. There were reported 111 branches of Mission Schools. At least 75 new schools were organized last year, and to date this year 60 new schools. The total membership last year was 201,224, a gain of 10,443 over 1913. Of the enrollment, not over 90,000 were church members, and 111,000 unsaved people. This leaves 166,000 church members not in any Sunday Schools.

What are some of the things we ought to do?

1. See that there is a perennial Sunday School in every church and at such mission points as are necessary.

2. Enlist church members in the Sunday Schools; we need them to help in the work of the Sunday Schools and they need the Sunday schools for the fellowship, training and Bible study they can get.

3. Improve the organization and equipment of all schools.

4. See that full information is secured about teacher training.

5. Not forget to aid financially the fund for Sunday School missions. Every school ought to use the plan of "Systematic giving in the Sunday School," adopted by the last Baptist State Convention.

Respectfully submitted, WALTER C. SAUNDERS.

After a request by J. A. Bivens the name of J. C. Sikes was substituted as our delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

C. J. Black offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote: Resolved, that we extend to this church and community our sincere thanks for the splendid entertainment they have given us during this session of the Union Association.

The Association ordered that the picture of J. A. Bivens be placed on the front page of our minutes.

B. Craig was requested to write to R. H. James and M. D. L. Preslar, and to express regrets that they were absent from the Association.

The Finance committee made its report, which was adopted.

A. C. Davis moved that the clerk be allowed the usual fee, and that he have as many minutes printed as the money will afford, and that the minutes be sent direct to the churches.

Moved that the Executive committee be instructed to give to the Mount Harmony Baptist Church a deed for their property. After a statement that the Association held this property the motion was carried.

After remarks by a number of the brethren, and the singing of that old hymn, "Blest be the Tie That Binds," the Association adjourned to meet with the Waxhaw Baptist Church October 4th, 5th and 6th, 1916.

JOHN C. SIKES, Moderator.
BRAXTON CRAIG, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amounts collected and disbursed for Associational year ending October 5, 1915.

Collected for State Missions	$654.52	
Paid to State Missions		$654.52
Collected for Foreign Missions	648.65	
Paid to Foreign Missions		648.65
Collected for Home Missions	455.01	
Paid to Home Missions		455.01
Collected for Sunday School Missions	57.00	
Paid to Sunday School Missions		57.00
Collected for Ministerial Education	20.00	
Paid to Ministerial Education		20.00
Collected for Aged Ministers	118.82	
Paid to Aged Ministers		118.82
Collected for Orphanage	934.51	
Paid to Orphanage		934.51
Collected for Minute Fund	55.62	
Paid for Minutes		36.30
Paid to Clerk		15.00
Amount on hands		4.32
Collected for Wake Forest College Endowment	19.37	
Amount on hands		19.37
Collected for Wake Forest Church	26.00	
Paid to Wake Forest Church		26.00
Collected for Meredith College	51.00	
Paid to Meredith College		51.00
	$3040.50	$3040.50

F. B. ASHCRAFT, Treasurer.

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PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR.

CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief
Antioch	$ 3.00	$ 2.00	$ 2.00	$ 1.00	$ 7.00	$ 1.00
Austin's Grove	3.00	2.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	2.00
Benton's Cross Roads	8.00	7.00	7.00	2.00	10.00	2.00
Bethel	12.50	10.00	12.00	2.00	15.00	2.50
Corinth	10.00	8.00	6.00	1.00	12.50	2.00
Deep Springs	5.00	4.00	5.00		8.00	2.00
Ebenezer	6.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.00
Fairfield	5.00	5.00	5.00		10.00	2.00
Faulks	15.00	10.00	10.00	1.00	20.00	5.00
Hamilton's Cross Roads	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	10.00	1.00
Hermon	3.00	3.00	4.00		4.00	2.00
Hopewell	16.00	16.00	18.00	1.00	15.00	4.00
King Street	22.50	5.00	10.00	2.00	20.00	5.00
Macedonia	8.00	7.50	10.00	1.00	10.00	1.00
Marshville	60.00	60.00	60.00	10.00	60.00	12.00
Meadow Branch	75.00	60.00	80.00	15.00	100.00	10.00
Mill Creek	20.00	15.00	15.00	3.00	20.00	5.00
Monroe	200.00	200.00	300.00	20.00	300.00	20.00
Mount Harmony	20.00	20.00	20.00	1.00	30.00	5.00
Mount Moriah	2.00	4.00	10.00			1.00
Mount Olive	7.50	5.00	2.00	2.00	12.00	1.00
Mount Pleasant	6.00	6.00	10.00	2.00	10.00	3.00
Mount Zion	2.00	2.00	1.00		2.00	1.00
Mountain Springs	5.00	5.00	5.00		10.00	2.50
New Hope	2.50	1.00	1.00		2.00	1.00
New Salem	2.00	2.00	3.00		7.00	1.00
North Monroe	5.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	15.00	2.00
Oak Grove	3.00	3.00	4.00		8.00	2.00
Olive Branch	8.00	8.00	10.00	2.00	18.00	4.00
Philadelphia	10.00	10.00	10.00		30.00	
Pleasant Hill	5.00	3.00	5.00		7.50	7.00
Roanoke	2.00	2.00	3.00		3.00	1.00
Sandy Ridge	5.00	4.00	4.00		10.00	2.00
Sardis	8.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	10.00	1.00
Shiloh	20.00	15.00	15.00	2.00	25.00	5.00
Union	20.00	20.00	20.00	1.50	53.00	6.00
Union Grove	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	8.00	
Waxhaw	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	15.00	2.50
West Monroe	5.00	6.00	6.00	1.00	25.00	2.00
	$624.50	$560.00	$700.00	$ 87.50	$921.00	$130.00

TABLE I.—STATISTICAL.

CHURCH, PASTOR AND CLERK.

Antioch—A. C. Davis, Marshville	H. E. Copple, Monroe
Austin's Grove—W. B. Holmes "	B. H. Sustar, Matthews
Benton's X Roads—A. Marsh "	P. H. Mills, Marshville
Bethel—J. A. Bivens, Wingate	C. E. Rushing, Marshville
Corinth—R. M. Haigler, Wingate	Ellis Godwin, R. 8, Monroe
Deep Springs—R. M. Haigler, "	J. J. Montgomery, 5, Waxhaw
Ebeneer—M. D. L. Preslar, Monroe	A. D. Moore, R. 8, Monroe
Fairfield—A. Marsh, Marshville	V. A. Haigler, Unionville
Faulks—E. C. Snyder, Wingate	B. B. Helms, R. 9, Monroe
Hamilton's X Roads—A. Marsh	D. Medlin, Monroe
Hermon—K. W. Hogan, Waxhaw	C. B. Gordon, Monroe
Hopewell—M. D. L. Preslar, Monroe	E. H. Baucom, R5 Marshville
King Street—K. W. Hogan, Waxhaw	M. L. Baker, R. 1, Monroe
Macedonia—M. D. L. Preslar, Monroe	B. M. Howard, R5, Marshv'l
Marshville—D. M. Austin, Charlotte	T. B. Price, Monroe
Meadow Branch—C. J. Black, Wingate	W. M. Melton, R. 4, Monroe
Mill Creek—E. C. Snyder, Wingate	D. W. Preslew, Monroe
Monroe—L. M. White, Monroe	J. S. Polk, R. 6, Monroe
Mt. Harmony—E. C. Snyder, Wingate	V. C. Baucom, R. 1, Monroe
Mt. Moriah—B. W. Cato, Pageland, S.C.	R. A. Hamilton, Marshville
Mt. Olive—D. A. Brown, White Store	F. L. Godfrew, Waxhaw
Mt. Pleasant—M. D. L. Preslar, Monroe	Walter F. Benton, Monroe
Mount Zion—R. M. Haigler, Wingate	
Mtn. Springs—E. C. Snyder, Wingate	W. R. Phifer, Wingate
New Hope—A. Marsh, Marshville	H. C. Simpson, R.2, Monroe
New Salem—W. B. Holmes, Marshville	H. F. Little, R.1, Marshville
North Monroe—E. C. Snyder, Wingate	J. B. Price, Monroe
Oak Grove—R. M. Haigler, Wingate	Zeb Caudle, Peachland
Olive Branch—J. S. Simpson, Unionv'l	G. W. Baucom, R.6, Monroe
Philadelphia—R. H. James, Marshville	E. M. Helms, Marshville
Pleasant Hill—A. Marsh, Marshville	H. C. Haney, Marshville
Roanoke—J. G. Gulledge, Marshville	E. L. Austin, Marshville
Sandy Ridge—R. H. James, Marshv'l	J. E. Birmingham, Waxhaw
Sardis—J. G. Gulledge, Marshville	T. L. Price, R.1, Unionville
Shiloh—D. F. Helms, Charlotte	J. R. Eason, Waxhaw
Union—M. D. L. Preslar, Monroe	A. L. Funderburk, 1, Monroe
Union Grove—A. Marsh, Marshville	Smith Medlin, Marshville
Waxhaw—K. W. Hogan, Waxhaw	R. Edgar Williams, Wingate
West Monroe—E. C. Snyder, Wingate	W. O. Haigler, R.2, Unionv'l

TABLE I.—STATISTICAL—Continued.

	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	GAINS			LOSSES			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
			By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
-- -- --	2	$ 600.00	2	3		1	2	5	30	45	75
-- -- --	1	800.00	12	12		10			24	38	62
-- -- --	2	600.00	32	5	2	5	2	1	73	87	160
-- -- --		1,030.00	6	1	1	9	3	1	39	31	70
-- -- --	3	700.00	27	11	3	9	7	2	61	106	167
-- -- --	2	500.00	10			4		2	50	90	140
-- -- --			34	13	4	5	1	1	64	78	142
-- -- --		550.00	16	6		6		2	45	58	103
-- -- --	1	1,000.00	3	20	2	7	3	1	92	144	236
-- -- --	1	1,000.00	2	5		5	1		36	45	81
-- -- --	2	400.00				2		3	39	36	75
-- -- --	1	1,000.00	6	4	1	5		2	65	85	150
-- -- --	2 & 4	1,500.00	5	2		1			37	49	86
-- -- --	1 & 3	1,000.00	8	2		12		1	51	70	121
-- -- --	1 & 3	2,000.00	12	6	1	5		1	93	123	216
-- -- --	2 & 4	15,000.00	43	39	3	7	16	1	163	211	374
-- -- --	3	1,200.00	53	5	8	10	2	2	122	168	290
-- -- --	Ev'ry	18,000.00	54	39	1	23		3	181	270	451
-- -- --	2	2,000.00	12	1	1	6		3	91	121	212
-- -- --	1	1,200.00	19	1	1	6	9	1	39	30	69
-- -- --	3	1,000.00		2		7		4	39	50	89
-- -- --	3		7	11	1	8	3		49	63	112
-- -- --	1	500.00	18	7		1			19	40	59
-- -- --	3	1,500.00	8	2	2	21	1		59	69	128
-- -- --	1		16	2				1	12	27	39
-- -- --	3	1,000 00	8	4	1	2	7		38	46	84
-- -- --	1, 2, 4	800.00	26	17		4		2	44	70	114
-- -- --	4	600.00	13	4	2	6		3	38	46	84
-- -- --	4	1,000.00	26	5	1	5	2		58	120	178
-- -- --	4	1,200.00	31	2	3	6		3	102	113	215
-- -- --	1	1,100.00	15		4	7	1		47	84	131
-- -- --	1	600 00	1	6		4	1		19	28	47
-- -- --	2	2,500.00	17	5	4	16	1	2	50	81	131
-- -- --	3	500.00	31	9	1	7	1		38	63	101
-- -- --	2	1,000 00	12	4	4	21	2	2	81	109	190
-- -- --	2	750.00	8	4		6		1	60	70	130
-- -- --	4	1,000.00	16	7		7		1	55	77	132
-- -- --	2	1,200.00	15	10	1	4	4		61	96	157
-- -- --	Ev'ry	1,500.00	23	13	1	1		1	57	123	180
		$67,870.00	647	289	53	271	69	52	2321	3260	5581

TABLE II.—FINANCIAL.

	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions
Antioch	$100.00	$	$	$ 5.00	$	$ 1.00	$ 4.95
Austin's Grov	40.00	800.00	10.87	3.56	5.00	1.50	2.00
Benton's X R'ds	150.00	10.75	11.14		80.00	1.50	6.00
Bethel	90.00	30.00	21.41	17.97	6.00	1.25	12.50
Corinth	125.00		21.68	12.88		1.00	8.00
Deep Springs	66.65			8.00		1.30	5.00
Ebenezer	100.00		4.35	5.43		1.60	7.00
Fairfield	75.00		42.50	2.00		1.50	5.00
Faulks	175.00		10.00	20.00		1.30	12.50
Hamiltonss X R.	70.00	17.50	6.00	3.25	5.00	1.00	6.36
Hermon	63.00			4.00	5.00		4.50
Hopewell	150.00	65.00	3.25	9.04			18.30
King Street	240.00		31.25	18.95		1.50	10.00
Macedonia			13.30	8.03			10.00
Marshville	500.00	278.33	87.43	88.12		4.00	70.00
Meadow Branch	700.00	48.00	83.60	76.80		4.00	60.68
Mill Creek	169.28		10.00	6.90	6.17		13.00
Monroe	1820.00		533.00	102.85		3.00	200.00
Mount Harmony	200.00		25.00	19.85		1.50	20.00
Mount Moriah	100.00		47.00	7.00		1.00	1.00
Mount Olive	150.00	11.25	18.10	12.80		2.00	8.00
Mount Pleasant	60.00		.25	7.62	5.00	1.55	6.00
Mount Zion	60.00	100.00	5.70	5.20		1.00	2.00
Mountain Spr'gs	150.00			9.64		2.50	5.00
New Hope						1.00	2.00
New Salem	37.00	100.00	4.15	10.00		1.00	2.00
North Monroe	100.00	77.09		21.00		.80	2.00
Oak Grove	100.00		10.00	5.00	3.00	1.00	2.00
Olive Branch	75.00	13.00	24.30	8.50		2.50	8.00
Philadelphia	150.00	10.00	26.80	7.75		1.10	10.00
Pleasant Hill	100.00			6.36		1.90	5.00
Roanoke	32.00		.50	3.00		.70	2.00
Sandy Ridge	100.00	20.00		1.75			3.50
Sardis	50.00		2.28	8.00	.50		2.00
Shiloh	150.00		12.00	18.00	2.50	1.20	20.00
Union	140.00		5.29	16.58		1.78	20.00
Union Grove	100.00			10.56		1.65	5.00
Waxhaw	200.00		23.50	18.00	11.00	1.30	5.00
West Monroe	150.00	37.00		81.99	13.55	.75	18.45
	6837.93	1617.92	1094.65	674.38	142.72	51.68	604.06

TABLE II.—FINANCIAL—Continued

Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Colleges and Schools	Other Objects	Total
$ 4.35	$ 2.00	$ 1.00	$ 3.50	$	$ 1.00	$	$	$ 122.80
3.00	3.00		2.20		2.00			873.13
7.00	7.00	2.00	8.00		2.00		30.00	315.39
10.06	12.04	2.00	15.00		2.50		4.50	225.23
8.00	6.00	1.00	12.50		2.50			196.56
5.00	4.35		7.83		2.45			100.48
5.00	5.20	1.00	10.13		2.00			141.71
5.00	5.00		10.00		2.00			148.00
10.00	10.00		20.20		5.00		5.00	269.00
5.00	5.00	1.00	8.50		1.00		2.50	132.11
2.00	4.00		5.00		1.00			88.50
16.65	22.39	1.00	19.30		4.00		35.70	344.13
5.00	10.00		30.00	2.50	5.00		175.00	529.20
10.00	10.00	1.00	10.00		2.00			64.33
75.50	60.00	10.00	83.74		12.00			1269.12
55.05	70.13	15.00	130.47		5.90		41.70	1291.33
18.09	15.09	3.00	15.00		5.00			261.53
139.26	447.36	20.00	418.98	10.00	20.00	34.00	31.67	3780.12
20.00	20.00	1.00	30.00		5.00			342.35
1.00	1.00		2.00		2.00			162.00
5.25	10.60		13.00					231.00
6.00	10.00	2.00	17.43		3.00			118.87
2.00	1.00		2.00		1.00			179.90
5.00	5.00		10.00		2.50		15.30	204.94
1.00	1.00		1.50		.50			7.00
2.00	3.00		6.00					165.15
5.00	2.00	1.00	15.00		2.00			215.89
3.00	4.00		7.00		2.00			137.00
18.00	10.00	2.00	15.00		4.00		2.50	172.81
10.00	10.00		30.00		5.00			260.65
3.00	5.00		7.50		.37		19.80	148.93
2.00	3.00		3.00		1.00		6.07	53.27
4.00	4.00		8.00					144.25
	5.00		5.00				5.00	77.78
20.00	20.00	5.00	25.00		5.00			278.70
20.00	20.00		56.62		6.00		8.15	294.42
5.00	5.00	1.00	8.01	2.00			25.00	167.21
5.00	5.00		15.00		2.50			286.50
11.45	10.75	1.00	42.10		2.00		33.95	402.99
521.66	853.91	71.00	1129.80	14.50	14.22	34.00	441.84	14,184.28

TABLE III.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCH, SUPERINTENDENT AND SECRETARY

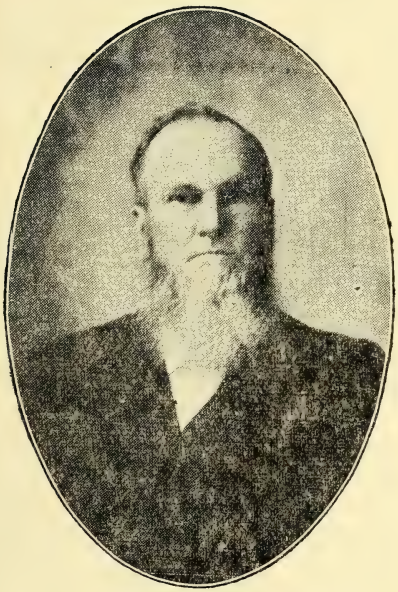
Antioch—P. S. Hinson, Unionville	Arthur Greene, Unionville
Austin's Grove—S. D. Mills, Wingate	W. R. Phifer, R2, Wingate
Benton'sXR'ds—D.A.Simpson,Monroe	J. C. Trull, R2, Monroe
Bethel—H. L. Ashcraft, Marshville	
Corinth—W. A. Griffin, R.5, Monroe	R. W. Helms, Min. Springs
Deep Springs—Zeb Caudle, Peachland	Miss Oren Caudle, Peachland
Ebeneze:—J. G. Baucom, R6, Monroe	Miss Ella Helms,Indian Trail
Fairfield—W. H. Braswell, Monroe	Otti's Braswell, Monroe
Faulks—T. H. Collins, R1, Wingate	Edna Long, R2, Wingate
Hamilton's X R.—L.W.Little, Marshv.	Mark Hill, Marshville
Hermon—W. H. Helms, Waxhaw	Bessie Wier, Lancaster, S. C.
Hopewell—J. W. Connell, Unionville	Jessie Austin, Indian Trail
King Street—W. W. Black, Waxhaw	L. W. Helms, Waxhaw
Macedonia—N.A.Funderburk, Monroe	Lee Medlin, Monroe
Marshville—B. H. Griffin, Marshville	Carl Parker, Marshville
Meadow Branch—J.W.Bivens,Wingate	J. J. Perry, Wingate
Mill Creek—J. A. Connell, Unionville	Simeon Williams, Unionville
Monroe—F. B. Asrcraft, Monroe	C. H. Richardson, Monroe
Mt. Harmony—J. E. Sustar, Matthews	Lizzie Sustar, Matthews
Mt. Moriah—P. H. Mills, R.3, Marshv.	C. H. Mills, Marshville
Mt. Olive—C. E. Rushing, Marshville	T. E. Collins, White Store
Mt. Pleasant—EllisGodwin,R8,Monroe	E. F. Godwin, Monroe
Mt. Zion—C. A. Montgomery, Waxhaw	J. J. Montgomery, Waxhaw
Mtn Springe—C. C. Parker, Monroe	Arthur Parker, Monroe
New Hope—	
New Salem—A. L. Helms, R9 Monroe	O. R. Long ,Monroe
North Monroe—J. Privette, Monroe	Miss Nash, Monroe
Oak Grove—J. F. Gordon, Monroe	Walter Underwood, Monroe
Olive Branch—H. T. Gaddy, Marshv'l	Claud Gaddy, Marshville
Philadelphia—W.L.Thomas,R1 Monroe	H. E. Autry, Marshville
Pleasant Hill—B. A. Nance, Marshv'l	W. M. Stewart, Marshville
Roanoke—B. L. Goodwin, R2 Monroe	C. W. Fowler, Monroe
Sandy Ridge—J.H.Melton, R 4 Monroe	B. F. Starnes, Monroe
Sardis—R. S. Helms, Monroe	L. M. Helms, Indian Trail
Shiloh—J. T. Hamilton, Monroe	J. S. Polk, Monroe
Union—B. F. Parker, R1, Monroe	Alma Smith, Monroe
Union Grove—W. F. Griffin, Marshv'l	Bridger Little. Marshville
Waxhaw—F. M. Riner, Waxhaw	T. M. Crow, Waxhaw
West Monroe—J. H. Benton, Monroe	J. Walter Helms, Monroe

TABLE III.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Continued

	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in S.S.	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
—	1	6	40	46	30	12	1	$ 5.00	$ 7.30	$ 1.76	$	$ 14.06
—	1	7	80	87	54	12	9	3.56				3.56
—	1	8	196	204	128	12	30		4.35	8.09		12.34
—	1	8	50	58	35	12	5	17.97				24.94
—	1	8	148	156		12	15	12.88				12.88
—	1	6	50	56	40	12	7	8.00				8.00
—	1	11	112	123	72	9	20	5.43		3.00		8.43
—	1	8	50	58	56	10	6	2.00			.50	2.50
—	1	12	125	137	40	11	1	20.00				20.00
—	1	6	69	75	20	7	1	3.25	1.36		2.50	7.11
—	1	5	25	30		9		4.00				4.00
—	1	8	70	78	40	9	3	9.04		2.50		2.54
—	1	18	42	60	40	12		18.95				18.95
—	1	6	100	106	40	12	7	8.03				8.03
—	1	14	160	174		12		88.12	16.54	33.74		138.60
—	2	17	330	347		12	41	77.80	15.00	65.08	2.10	160.06
—	1	6	79	85	50	12	7	6.90	4.18	1.23		12.21
—	1	14	273	287	177	12	32	102.85	129.00	268.53	27.50	527.88
—	1	7	107	114	65	12	10	19.85				19.85
—	1	8	79	87				7.00	7.00	2.00		16.00
—	1	7	61	68	30	9		12.80				12.80
—	1	6	77	83	20	12	2	7.62		3.38		11.00
—	1	5	35	40	25	12	3	5.20				5.20
—	1	7	86	93	45	12	6	9.64				9.64
—												
—	1	6	35	41	15	12	3	10.00				10.00
—	1	8	90	98	25	12	20	21.00		5.00		26.00
—	1	5	55	60		9	7	5.00				5.00
—	1	6	72	78	50	12	16	8.50			2.50	11.00
—	1	7	75	82		10	15	7.75				7.75
—	1	7	77	84	33	11	5	6.36				6.36
—	1	6	40	46	15	9	1	3.00				3.00
—	1	8	86	94	54	10	14	4.75				4.75
—	1	7	40	47	40	12	30	8.00				20.75
—	1	7	124	131	49	12	11	15.80	6.25	22.37	1.00	45.42
—	1	8	102	110	60	12	6	16.58		20.08		36.66
—	1	10	100	110	40	12	15	14.50				14.50
—	1	11	148	159	75	12	15	18.00	5.00	2.76		25.76
—	1	9	135	144	65	12	16	81.99	20.00	22.65		44.64
	39	313	3693	4006	1528		380	679.32	215.98	472.17	36.10	1403.58

TABLE IV.—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

CHURCH, ORGANIZATION AND PRESIDENT	Number of Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Board	Training School	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Hopewell, W. M. S.—Mrs. Bedie Connell, Indian Trail	20	$ 3.85	$ 14.60	$ 5.60	$	$	$	$ 24.05
King Street W. M. S.—Mrs. A. L. Locke, Waxhaw	10	5.00					30.00	30.00
Marshville, W. M. S.—Mrs. Smith Medlin, Marshville	44	16.90	33.70	17.85	11.90	3.15	2.30	85.80
Marshville, Sunbeam—Mrs. G. O. Tucker, Marshville	14							
Meadow Branch, W. M. S.—Mrs. J. G. Carroll, Wingate	30	14.00	9.00	11.20		10.20	42.10	86.50
Meadow Branch, Y. W. A.—Mrs. W. C. Perry, Wingate	38							
Meadow Branch, Sunbeam—Mrs. H. F. Williams, Wingate	50							
Monroe, W. M. S.—Mrs. D. A. Covington, Monroe	70	183.50	119.91	116.25			6.50	426.16
Monroe, Y. W. A.—Mrs. E. C. Griffin, Monroe	30							
Monroe, Sunbeams—Mrs. L. M. White, Monroe	35							
Monroe, R. A.—Miss Beulah Copple, Monroe	20							
Shiloh, W. M. S.—Mrs. J. F. Williams, Monroe	18	10.50	8.50	4.05				22.60
West Monroe, W. M. S.—Mrs. J. F. Correll, Monroe	25	8.45	6.45	5.75			31.45	50.60
	404	$236.75	$192.16	$160.70	$ 11.90	$ 13.35	$112.35	$727.21



J. A. BIVENS, WINGATE, N. C.

The Veteran Minister of Union Baptist Association.